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GLOUCESTER FISHERS.

One of Those Who Held up the Northern Pacific.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The authorities believe that they have located the robbers who held up a Northern Pacific train near Moorhead in October, and one of the alleged robbers is now in the County Jail in this city. It is reported that he worked in Moorhead long enough to familiarize himself with the situation, and then emerged, but at the White House, it is said that he has not yet seriously considered the question of modifying the law.

Terrible Gale at St. John's. ST. JOHN'S (N. F.) Dec. 20.—A terrible gale swept this island yesterday and did immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all the seacoast settlements. Twelve schooners went ashore in Green Bay and became total wrecks, and several others were badly damaged in collision.

Another Gloucester schooner, which is long overdue and of which the worst is feared is the John E. McKenzie. She was the largest and best-fitted vessel sailing from here, and carried a crew of eighteen picked men.

LAST RESORT.

Opponents of Annexation Change Tactics.

They Now Propose a Bill for a Protectorate Over Hawaii.

The Foreign Relations Committee Will not Compromise.

Commissioner Evans Appears Before the Senate Civil Service Committee—Gideon Denies Having Manipulated Land Office Records.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] While Congress is in recess the active opponents of the annexation of Hawaii continue to press their point and devise new means of alienating from the treaty the support of Senators, who, while ready to support it, do not approve all of its features. One of the latest plans is to propose the preparation of a bill which will have for its object the establishment of a protectorate over the islands. By this means, it is argued, the integrity of the island republic will be assured and the continuance of American domination made certain. There are many men in the upper house who do not believe the policy of annexation of the islands is good, but will vote for and support the treaty in the belief that by this means the United States can hold the advantages which will accrue from the ownership of the natural outpost of the western coast. It is hoped that, by appealing to these Senators through a bill declaring a protectorate over the islands to weaken their support of the treaty, and thus absolutely insure its defeat.

Senator Davis, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that the protectorate idea was advanced to him and he refused to entertain it or do anything at all in the matter. Senator Perkins has expressed the belief that such a plan would find friends where the annexation treaty would lack them, but that this was regarded as a resort. The members of the Foreign Relations Committee are not concerned about the fate of annexation, but maintain the belief that it will succeed.

OAKLAND'S BOARD OF TRADE.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—The Oakland Board of Trade has adopted resolutions in favor of the annexation of Hawaii, in the big Auditorium building at Ninth and Holmes, which contains the biggest theater in Kansas City and one of the biggest hotels. The fire originated in the servants' quarters on the sixth floor. Though the greatest excitement prevailed among the guests of the hotel, no one was hurt in the panic that followed the alarm of fire.

At 1:40 o'clock the fire was believed to be under control, but at 1:55 o'clock the flames burst out again and made headway against the efforts of the firemen.

At 3 o'clock it is apparent that the building will be destroyed. A portion of the roof and the dome have fallen in, and the outside wall threatens to fall at any moment. All spectators have been driven back from the street.

Though there is great excitement among the guests of the hotel, many of whom have sought shelter in nearby buildings, it is quite certain that the fire has been attended by no loss of life or serious accident. Most of the guests succeeded in saving their personal effects. The Woodward Stock Exchange, which has been playing at the theater, saved all their effects.

Paxton & Burgess are the lessees of the theater.

At 3:30 a.m. it is certain that the destruction of the building will be complete.

Alexander Frazer, owner of the property, said that the building and the hotel and theater furnishings had an investment of \$350,000. He purchased the property only a few months ago. His insurance, he says, is about \$70,000. Owing to the high rates demanded he had refused to renew several policies that recently expired.

VALUE OF KITES.

Expert Eddy Tells of Some of His Experiments.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—William A. Eddy of Bayonne, N. J., well known as an expert in constructing and flying kites and in aerial photography, has just completed a series of experiments that he thinks will prove that his kites may be made of the utmost value to meteorologists and navigators.

He believes that he has established the fact that the pull of his kites on their strings, as indicated by a delicate balance, may enable him to measure the velocity of the wind, and he thinks, too, that he has demonstrated by this means that the wind velocity over a wide region is practically the same at not very great height above the ground, and that the irregularities of the earth's surface upon the atmospheric movements are annulled.

BIG SCHEME FROM KANSAS.

Gov. Leedy Makes the Desert Bloom on the Rose.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.

TOPEKA (Kan.) Dec. 20.—Gov. Leedy announces that he will present a scheme to the Nebraska Irrigation Convention which, if carried out, will cause the arid plains to blossom as the rose.

THE CITY—Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14.

Webb begins his defense by a general and sweeping denial....Contract for fire hose awarded....Escape of burglar Filkins....Trial of Crandall for murder....Proceedings in court against Webb and Adams....St. Paul's Church bazaar....Seventh-ward election complications....News from the orange districts.

Southern California—Page 13.

Pasadena to have a new boulevard to this city....Motion for a new trial in the Milner case at Riverside....New courthouse now assured at San Bernardino....Schooner Lou leaves Coronado to hunt again for whales....Board of Supervisors meet at Santa Anna....Live-bird shooting at Santa Barbara....Burglaries at Whittier....Member of the Soldiers' Home found dead.

General Eastern—Pages 1, 2, 3, 10.

Opponents of Hawaiian annexation changing tactics....Surveyor-General Perrenut of Idaho revolts against civil service....Destructive fire at Kansas City....President McKinley to change his church....Private Waddell to quit the army....Texas and the United States government in conflict over a piece of ground on the east end of Galveston Island, on which is located the State of Texas....The Missouri and Mississippi valleys, inundated them and let them down when wanted. The canal would tap the Mississippi River at Mile River, in Montana, and empty into Red River in Texas.

The Governor mentions incidentally that the cost would be only \$360,000,000.

FIGHTING UNCLE SAM.

Texas Does Not Want to Give Up a Piece of Galveston Island.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A special to the Chronicle from Fort Worth, Tex., says the State of Texas and the United States government are in conflict over a piece of ground on the east end of Galveston Island, on which is located the State of Texas....The Missouri and Mississippi valleys, inundated them and let them down when wanted. The canal would tap the Mississippi River at Mile River, in Montana, and empty into Red River in Texas.

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Refused to Teach Others.

PAWTUCKET (R.I.) Dec. 20.—The Royal Weaving Company's mill was forced to shut down today by the striking of 250 weavers, whose wages were recently reduced. The strike was precipitated by the discharge of several weavers who refused to teach other weavers.

Sgt. Walker a Prisoner.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.—According to advice from the front, Sgt. Walker, of the Scots Fusiliers, is a prisoner in the hands of Afidis. Gov. Leedy to propose a 1700-mile canal from Montana to Texas....Federation of Labor says union men must leave the militia....Chicago filling with sports to witness the Tracy-Walcott fight....Policy which Germany is pursuing in the Pacific interests this government....A grip will be kept on Hawall and Samoa....Banker Sturges dead in Brooklyn....Polish offset from the Roman Catholic church....Spanish diplomat says Spain is not unfriendly....Commissioner of Pensions Evans addresses the Senate Civil Service Committee....Ex-Bank Burglar McCoy clubbed and probably wounded....Three killed by a boiler explosion in Evergreen, Ala....Mexican treasure stolen....United States and Canada Bering Sea commissioners fine work.

At Large—Pages 1, 2, 3.

Dispatches were also received from New York, Chicago, Denver, Washington, San Francisco, Calcutta, St. Johns, N. F., Troy, N. Y.; Fall River, Mass.; London and other places.

Same Fate as Durrant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Supreme Court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of J. E. Egan, a convicted murderer of California, basing its decision on the Durrant case.

COAST RECORD.

FELL BY THE ROAD.**EX-ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER IS REPORTED DEAD.****Dispatches Say That in All Probability the Alameda Attorney Perished at Lake Tagish.****HIS WIFE DOUBTS THE STORY.****UNITED STATES VESSEL McARTHUR TO SURVEY THE YUKON.****Filkis Escapes While en Route to Prison—Not Enough Steamers for Oriental Trade—Humboldt Harbor Commissioners Win.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****Mr. Miller, who is supposed to have lost his life on the way to Dawson, is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Dr. Lomax, who lives in this city. While the dispatches say that in all probability he has perished at Lake Tagish, Mrs. Lomax does not believe that he is dead. She received a message from her son, who is at present in San Francisco, and who went north with Miller last summer, but returned a few weeks ago, reassuring her of the man's safety.****Mrs. Miller was in the city yesterday. She does not believe that her husband has perished. She said that there were many others with him, among them J. W. Logan, a newspaper correspondent.****Miller was an attorney in San Francisco, and an ex-Assemblyman from Alameda county. His relatives expect to hear from him just as soon as we can get mail from Dawson. Mrs. Lomax's son, Orl, will leave for Dyes in January, and will probably follow the trail to Dawson.****TO SURVEY THE YUKON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]****OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—The United States Geodetic Survey ship McArthur has been ordered into Alaskan waters, and with the opening of spring will head for the Yukon River, there to remain until a series of important surveys have been accomplished and a thorough study of the country made. The McArthur lies on the ways at the Ray & Wright shipyards, receiving repairs, but will soon be in readiness for active service.****Capt. W. W. Helms, in charge of the ship under instructions from the Navy Department at Washington, has secured bids for towing a small stern-wheel steamer to the mouth of the Yukon to aid in the surveying work and for surveying routes in those rivers to shore for the McArthur. The McArthur will work up the Alaskan coast, taking observations until the mouth of the Yukon shall be reached. Then the stern-wheel will be brought into use, and the crew and officers will go up the river as far as possible, carefully surveying the country and preparing charts for a new government map of the district.****WRONG KIND OF ROCKS.****PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The brig reported yesterday as having gone ashore on Cross Ledge, Delaware Bay, proves to be the H. H. Wright, which left Portland, Me., on December 19 in ballast, bound for this city. The vessel is wedged hard and fast on the rocks. It is said the Wright had been purchased by a party of sixteen men of Camden, N. J., who had banded themselves together under the title of the Alaska Transportation and Trading Company, and that the vessel was to be overhauled and fitted up to carry passengers and freight to the Klondike.****SANTA CRUZ ASHORE.****The Steamer Seeks Close Relations With Bella Coola.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****VANCOUVER (B.C.) Dec. 20.—The Pacific Coast steamer Santa Cruz, en route to Alaska, is ashore at Bella Coola. The passengers are encamped, and it is thought the steamer will be floated, as she declined assistance from the steamer Capilano.****CAN BE FLOATED.****VANCOUVER (B.C.) Dec. 20.—The captain of the steamer Capitaine says the Santa Cruz is lying easily on the sandy beach and can probably be floated if lightered. The Santa Cruz refused assistance from the Capitaine as the George W. Elder of the same line was expected very shortly.****MINERS' OUTFITS.****Regulations Relating to Bonding Through Canadian Territory.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A response has been received to the recent letter from Secretary Gage to the Canadian Commission of Customs, requesting information as to the bonding of miners' outfits through Canadian territory on route from Juneau, Alaska, to the Chilkoot Pass and the Yukon River to Circle City, Alaska. The commissioner says that the following regulations have been prepared to meet the case:****Imported goods, as above described, shall be reported to the Canadian Customhouse, Lake Tagish, and may be entered for exportation there in the usual form, "transit," in duplicate. The goods may then be delivered without duty to be carried to their destination out of Canada by any transportation company which has duly executed a bond in the form prescribed, by the Minister of Finance, and faithfully delivered of all packages carried by such company, and for the general compliance with the customs laws and regulations governing such traffic.****Duplicate of the entry in transit, and copy of the bill of lading, shall accompany each shipment of goods conveyed by a bonded carrier, so that the same may be returned to the Customhouse at Fort Cudahy, with a certificate thereon giving full account of the goods in the United States, or of Canada having passed outward from the United States within six months from date of entry.****If the goods when entered in transit for exportation are not delivered to be forwarded by a bonded carrier, as provided in the preceding section, the duty thereon is to be assessed with the customs officer at Lake Tagish subject to a refund of same at the port of Fort Cudahy when the goods are shipped to the United States or of the Canadian customs that said goods have been landed in the United States within six months from the date of the in-transit entry.****The duty imposed in such case is to be imposed on the entry and certified by the customs officer in charge, and the duplicate of the entry, duly certified and marked with the customs stamp, is to be delivered to the person making the deposit of duty.****Copy of such entry in transit shall be forwarded by mail without delay by the customs officer at the send-****ing port to the Collector of Customs at Fort Cudahy, for the collection of duties on the goods entered in transit, and not duly exported. The articles usually classed as travelers' baggage are to be passed free without entry.****Commissioner McDowell in a letter accompanying these regulations, says that they are framed with the desire to afford the utmost facilities for the traffic in question compatible with security to the revenue. He further says: "Responsible transportation companies will be soon in operation for conveying goods over the Chilkoot and other passes down the Yukon River and its tributaries, in which case United States goods may go forward in bond to Alaska without payment of duties."****HILL PROMINENT FRIENDS.****Hoff Gives References to McLennan and Carl Schurz.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Albert Hoff, accused of the brutal murder of Mrs. Mary Clute, continues to assert that he will be able to prove an alibi. He says that he is a friend of John R. Leon, the banker of Cincinnati, and that Leon can vouch for his eastern record. He also gives references to E. B. Addle, E. L. Gilmore and Arthur Pemberton, bankers of Cincinnati, and to Carl Schurz.****In answer to a question about his knowledge of St. John, he said: "I am the oldest friend that man has in America. We were in the German rebellion together, serving in the same company, and were both banished on account of our political affiliations. We came to this country on the same vessel."****The police intend to send his photograph to the Chief of Police in Chicago, as they believe he may have been drawn and signed by C. F. Thomas, the cashier of the Bank of Woodland. Dean came to San Francisco and turned the check over to his confidant, the police said, and after a few days it was sent by the "Prince of Fugitives" to \$2,000.****So skillfully was the work done that when Dean opened a deposit account with the Nevada Bank and put his check, he was duly credited on the books with \$2,000. This was on November 13. On the 17th, the Nevada Bank sent the check to the Crocker-Woolworth Bank through the clearing-house, and the latter bank honored the check and paid the money. On the 18th Dean drew from the Nevada Bank \$20,000 and absconded. His subsequent arrest and trial, however, disclosed that the "Prince of Fugitives" was to \$2,000.****So skillfully was the work done that when Dean opened a deposit account with the Nevada Bank and put his check, he was duly credited on the books with \$2,000. This was on November 13. On the 17th, the Nevada Bank sent the check to the Crocker-Woolworth Bank through the clearing-house, and the latter bank honored the check and paid the money. On the 18th Dean drew from the Nevada Bank \$20,000 and absconded. His subsequent arrest and trial, however, disclosed that the "Prince of Fugitives" was to \$2,000.****The fact that no money appropriation was made by the State, and that the Board of Examiners would have to provide for a deficiency, has been known since the bill was passed.****The Bank of Woodland had a credit balance with the Crocker-Woolworth Bank over and above the \$2,000 paid. It was accustomed to settle by two semi-monthly statements, one on the 1st and the other on the 15th of each month.****In the case, however, the 1st of January being a holiday, the Crocker-Woolworth Bank did not forward its statement to Woodland until the 2d. Then, on the 4th, it received advice of the forged \$2,000.****The plaintiff alleges that it was not made a party to the compromise, and its rights were not given due consideration.****DECISION AGAINST JACKS.****Old-time Fight for Many People's Property is Ended.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—All efforts to compromise the famous contest to the will of Edward Barron have failed, and George Barron will continue his fight for son's share of his father's estate. Under the terms of the will, George Barron was left only the \$2000, less \$12 for a funeral expense.****In the case, however, the 1st of January being a holiday, the Crocker-Woolworth Bank did not forward its statement to Woodland until the 2d. Then, on the 4th, it received advice of the forged \$2,000.****The plaintiff alleges that it was not made a party to the compromise, and its rights were not given due consideration.****BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 20.—Jessie Henderson, a brakeman on a freight train out of Kern City, was run over last night by a switch engine and killed.****His train was just ready to pull out, and as the engine passed him he moved back to get out of the way of the escaping steam. He stepped in front of a car which was being pushed by a switch engine. Both of his legs were badly crushed and he died while they were being amputated.****HOME BURNED DOWN.****EUREKA, Dec. 20.—A fire last night destroyed the home of W. P. Ward in this city. The fire originated from an open fireplace after the family had retired, and spread rapidly, burning the house in front of the Capital City Wheelmen's rooms, ride it out to Oak Park and tried to sell it to Steen for \$10. Steen, who is a constable, had his suspicion aroused. He telephoned to town and learned of the theft, said he would hold his prisoner and bring him in.****TACKLED a Constable.****SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—Constable John Steen of Oak Park, just outside the city, made quick work of a bicycle thief yesterday. The fellow, who was wanted for three years in Folsom prison by Judge Ogden today. In passing sentence the Judge said that since Jackson's arrest he had received a number of letters pleading for leniency for the thief, and the number asking that he be several days out with, but they were not presented in open court he could take no official notice of them.****JACKSON'S PLEADING FAILED.****OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—Charles E. Jackson, the self-confessed forger who was arrested and incarcerated at the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei-Hai-Wei this winter. If true, this indicates that Great Britain is working in harmony with Japan. The latter power still occupies Wei-Hai-Wei, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity. The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation.****"What do we get?" is the burden of their complaint, and they all insist upon the necessity of immediate action. The Globe says: "Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategic positions in Northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, must be content with the crumbs from the St. Petersburg and Berlin tables."****The Pall Mall Gazette echoes the Standard's inquiry as to America's attitude, and adds: "of course the participation of the coast, which is bound to control the sea, not be left to Russia and Germany. Every State in the world is actively concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium of the Far East, Great Britain, France and Germany especially. But the United States cannot be taken as a quantity to be ignored. The same acquisitiveness with which the seizes are not worthy of our reputation, and are fatal to us."****The British far eastern squadron is said to be at Taliachen and, according to the German press, is shortly expected at Port Arthur.****The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the cooperation of Germany with Russia in Eastern Asia.****THE LION'S PAW.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Paris correspondent of the Cologne Gazette telegraphed yesterday that the Russian occupation of Port Arthur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne, a week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese, the Daphne entered the inner harbor, ostensibly to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the powers at Peking.****The British far eastern squadron is said to be at Taliachen and, according to the German press, is shortly expected at Port Arthur.****The Cologne Gazette regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the cooperation of Germany with Russia in Eastern Asia.****NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]****ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The Novosti declares the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing political bearing in it, adding: "It must be a matter of indifference to the powers who are not placing seizes of Chinese territory, as to what part the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."****HENRY IN LONDON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****LONDON, Dec. 20.—Prince Henry came to London tonight, and visited the German embassy. It was supposed he intended to visit the Prince of Wales, but he did not. The visit to the Queen is understood to have been purely a family affair, and he made no secret speech.****AN UNTRUE REPORT.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****LONDON, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Shanghai says the report that Russia has seized Port Arthur is entirely untrue.****THE WAR IS ON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****YOKOHAMA, Dec. 20.—Russia has notified Japan of the temporary occupation of Port Arthur, and a large Japanese squadron has left Nagasaki.****SUPREME COURT ADJOURNED.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States Supreme Court adjourned for the holiday recess today, to convene again on the 3d of January.****ALLEGED PIRATE PUT IN CHINA.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.****PIPPETT HOBSON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.****PIPPETT HOBSON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.****PIPPETT HOBSON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.****PIPPETT HOBSON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.****PIPPETT HOBSON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.****PIPPETT HOBSON.****[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]****HONG KONG, Dec. 20.—The Chinese authorities have received a report from the British Consul at Macao that a Chinese pirate, named****MAITI, was captured off the coast of****China.**

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Tracy-Walcott Fight Drawing Large Crowds to Chicago—Fast Time at London—New Orleans Summaries—Ball.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

CINCINNATI (O.) Dec. 20.—The Western Turf Congress met here today with all the clubs represented, save the Washington Park, Detroit and Pacific Coast. During the season, all the horses, horsemen and officials that raced at Pimlico during the first four days of this month in violation of the rule which prohibits racing in the North after December 1, were reinstated. The rules were changed to permit cities of 200,000 population to offer \$250 purses, instead of \$300.

FASTEAST RACE TRACK.

Oakland Lays Claim to It After a New Record.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The feature of the racing at Oakland today was the very fast time made in the various races this afternoon, which proves that the track across the bay is the fastest regulation course in America. Salvado, a horse from the East, but who was bred in California, established a new Coast record by running one and one-sixteenth miles in 1:46 1/2, thus beating the best previous track record one-half second.

St. George, in the 100 yards saddle, captured the Pickerton handicap at six furlongs, the distance being run in 1:13%. The merit of this performance can be better appreciated when it is stated that the track record is 1:13.

OAKLAND RESULTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Results at Oakland:

Five furlongs, selling: Iraiden, 90 (Givens) 4 to 1, won; Bramblella, 90 (Givens) 4 to 1, second; Miss Alice, 90 (Jones) 4 to 1, third; time 1:02. La Loma, Queen Blazes, Al Gorta and Bonadilla also ran.

Seven furlongs, selling: Myth, 110 (Conley) 3 to 1, won; Fortunate, 110 (Thorne) 9 to 5, second; B. and W., 115 (Thorne) 9 to 5, third; time 1:27.4. Song and Dance, Los Cerrillos and Miss Ross also ran.

One mile and a sixteenth, selling: Salvador, 107 (W. Taylor) 2 to 1, won; Bernardino, 106 (H. Martin) 5 to 5, second; Don Clarence, 107 (Clawson) 10 to 3, third; time 1:40%. Osril II also ran.

Pinkerton Handicap, six furlongs, two-year-olds: St. Cuthbert, 116 (W. Martin) 5 to 2, won; Torsida, 119 (H. Martin) 4 to 1, second; Eddie Jones, 116 (Thorne) 9 to 5, third; time 1:13%. Imperious, San Venando, Castake, Doctor also ran.

Five furlongs, selling: Tiger Lily, 104 (Conley) 8 to 5, won; Morinel, 95 (McNichols) 15 to 1, second; Lady Ashley, 90 (Gray) 4 to 1, third; time 1:01%. Kalsene, Dartmouth, Little, G. Bonne Ione, Toto, Rose Maid also ran.

One mile, selling: Moylan, 109 (W. Martin) 15 to 1, won; Double Quick, 112 (Clawson) 2 to 1, second; Masoero, 109 (McDonald) 5 to 1, third; time —. Coda, Santuzza, Midas, Mollie R., Waller J. and Argentina also ran.

RYAN'S SOFTTEST MARK.

Alleged South African Fitzsimmons Put Out in Three Rounds.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

BUFFALO (N. Y.) Dec. 20.—Bill Heffernan of Johannesburg, South Africa, who has been touted as a second Fitzsimmons, made his initial appearance in an American ring in what was to have been a twenty-round "go" with Tommy Ryan of Syracuse. Heffernan was the easiest victim that Ryan has ever met.

The men met before the Olympic Athletic Club, which seated 1,500 pounds. Heffernan was tall and lanky, with a long reach, which, however, was no obstacle to the Syracuse man, who landed when and where he pleased. Heffernan was slow and awkward, and Ryan played with him for three rounds while the crowd laughed derisively.

In the third round the South African was sent to the floor by a left on the chin, and took the limit in getting up. He went down again in a moment from a right-hander on the jaw, and was counted out.

THE TWO PETERS.

Maher Must Meet Jackson Before Taking Any Other On.

ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

PITTSBURGH (Pa.) Dec. 20.—Peter Maher's backers have received several replies to their challenge to fight any man in the world for the heavyweight championship. Among those received was one from Billy Madden, saying he could secure a \$10,000 purse for a "go" at Little Rock, Ark., in March between Maher and Gus Ruhrin. At the same time Norton of San Francisco notified Maher that the fight arranged for between him and Jackson is still on, and conflicting dates must not be made for other fights.

Maher tends to carry out his agreement for the Jackson fight, to come off in February, but is anxious to meet Ruhrin also. Arrangements are therefore being made contingent on the San Francisco battle, to go after the Little Rock purse in March or thereabouts.

CHICAGO FULL OF SPORTS.

The Tracy-Walcott Fight Drawing Large Crowds.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The city is full of boxes and fighters. The arrival of Croeden, Tracy, Choyinski and others adds to an already large colony. Tracy will finish today his work for the Walcott bout tomorrow night. Walcott is in splendid shape.

"Steve" Flanagan, who is to meet "Joe" Sturh in a preliminary bout of six rounds, arrived with the eastern party. He is a likely-looking boy.

Both of the principals in the main bout are down to weight 145 pounds. George Sils, who fought from the East today and is to act as referee.

It was stated yesterday that McCoy had promised that his next meeting would be with Joe Choyinski. A twenty-round contest may be arranged to take place near New York.

Higgins Puts Out Foran.

LYNN (Mass.) Dec. 20.—What is claimed to be the record in knockouts

was made at the Hoffman Club, when Mike Higgins of this city put Tom Foran of Malden out in five and a half seconds. The previous record was six seconds.

Results.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—The track was good. Results: Six furlongs: Dudley E. won, Mr. Hunt second, Balance All third; time 1:29.

Six furlongs, selling: French Gray won; Pontet Canet second, Gypeliver third; time 1:18.

Mile and twenty yards, selling: His Son third; Elkins second, Jolly Son third; time 1:48.

One mile and twenty yards, selling: Mazarine won; Clarinda second, What Next third; time 1:47.

One mile, selling: Discount won, Rushfield second, Miss Young third; time 1:46%.

Standford Coaches Wanted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Jack Rice, the Standford tackle, left here tonight by rail for Portland, Or., to coach the Multnomah Athletic Club football team for its great game with the Portland Athletic Club at Portland Christmas day. It is probable that Thomas, Standford's tackle, and Flickert, the big guard and ex-captain, will also go north to act as additional coaches for one or the other of the rival teams at Portland.

Bennett Knocks Out Ernst.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Jack Bennett of McKeesport, Pa., knocked out Billy Ernst of Brooklyn in the thirteenth round at the Olympic Club at Athens, Pa., tonight.

Western Ball League Adjourns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The Western Ball League's meeting adjourned tonight without having disposed of the eighth franchise.

JACK FROST AT WORK.

NIPS THE FRUIT IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATE.

The Coldest Weather for Several Years—Timely Warning by the Weather Bureau Prevented Much Heavy Damage—Ice Formed in Many Places.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

SAN JOSE, Dec. 20.—Last night was the coldest of the season here, the thermometers in some localities registering the lowest since the winter of 1893-94. The thermometers about San Jose were from 29 deg. down to 24 deg., some reports even lower. Probably the more accurate instruments give a lower temperature than the weather bureau's. There was a severe frost and sharp freeze over the entire valley. No serious harm was done, as there was no crop out to be injured. A few late grapes, usually destroyed long before this rain, may be injured, and even though they were frozen, but these grapes were merely scattering bunches left in picking. Ice formed in places one-quarter of an inch thick.

MUCH DAMAGE ABOUT FRESNO.

FRESNO, Dec. 20.—The frost here last night was the most severe, but one, that has been experienced in the state, that has been experienced in the past ten years. In December, 1893, the mercury stood 26 deg. above, and it fell to that figure last night. Up to this time no damage had been done by frost to citrus fruit, but last evening a ripe fruit was damaged if not ruined. In anticipation of the cold snap, many orchardists plucked their ripe fruit yesterday.

FROST IN SAN DIEGO.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 20.—The weather in San Diego has been unusually cold the past two days, but was warmer last night than Saturday night. The mercury went down to 33 deg. Saturday night, and there was a little frost, but no damage is reported from anywhere in the county. Forty-three deg. was the lowest reported last night, and clouds prevented frost in some places. The temperature was with snow, which is six inches deep on Cuyamaca Peak, where the temperature went down to 2 deg. above zero Saturday night, but registered 15 above last night.

WILL KILL PARASITES.

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SACRAMENTO ESCAPES DAMAGE.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The lowest temperature recorded here was at 5 o'clock this morning, when the thermometer showed 30 deg. No reports of damages to oranges or vegetables have been received and it is believed any injury was done. Frost may retard grain to some slight extent.

THE CUBAN MASSACRES.

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HEAVY SNOWSTORM IN NEBRASKA.

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OMAHA (Neb.) Dec. 20.—Another heavy snowstorm is in progress in this State.

ICE GAVE WAY.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

Four People Precipitated into El-Hatt Creek at Tonawanda.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A letter written by one of the foremost diplomats in Spain, and one, moreover, in the entire confidence of the government, and consequently in position to speak officially, destroys some of the arguments that have been used time after time during the past few days by those in opposition to the Liberal ministry, says the Madrid correspondent of the Herald.

Speaking for this ministry, the writer points out in refutation that Mr. McKinley's message cannot be construed as attacking the honor of the Spanish army, as Gen. Weyler and his friends would like to make people believe.

In the second place, Gen. Weyler was not recalled under the express wish of the Queen Regent, his recall had been decided upon during the late Pacific Conference.

In the third place, the nation, whose whole appears to be more strongly in favor of the government than has been the case in Spain for a long time.

Every one is eager to have done with the Cuban question. At this very moment, the demands are all for the establishment of peace in the Philippines, while on every hand you hear wishes that the next bit of good news may be of a lasting peace in Cuba.

MORE FILIBUSTERING.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

United States Vessels on the Watch in Florida Waters.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

TONAWANDA (N. Y.) Dec. 20.—To-night on Ellicott Creek the ice gave way and precipitated a party of four young people into the water. Three of them were drowned. The dead are: W. A. LEVYMAN, aged 18; MICHAEL BOYD, aged 16; MICHAEL COLEMAN, aged 20. The fourth member of the party, Miss Zillie Coleman, was rescued.

BILLY Didn't See the Bull.

CITY OF NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Freshman Hampson of the Mexican Cuernavaca and Pacific Railway, with a small party, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bryan to Cuernavaca today. The party were greatly pleased with the magnificent view of the valley of Mexico from the summit of the mountain. The reception was given at the handsome apartments of the American Club to-night by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, and there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. There is absolutely no truth in the statement that Bryan attended Sunday's bullfight.

AUSTRIAN OFFICERS ATTACK CIVILIANS.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Arbeiter Zeitung reports an unprovoked attack by a party of officers, including Lieut. Chevalier d'Ans, and his wife, on a number of civilians in the Cafe Ravel at Krems, Austria. Three civilians were badly wounded with swords before the police stopped the fray. When asked to pay the bill, Lieut. d'Ans struck the waiter with the sword. The officers were not arrested.

Funeral of Daudet.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The funeral of Adolph Daudet, who died suddenly Thursday, was largely attended today. Emile Zola, who attended the funeral, was joined by his wife, the friends of Alexandre Dumas to bring about a re-opening of his case.

Fire at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE (Md.) Dec. 20.—The establishment of Creek, Horner & Co., dealers in lumber, hardware and millinery supplies, occupying a storey building at Howard and Saratoga streets, was damaged \$450,000 by fire this evening. The loss is covered by insurance.

ALL GRIEVE FOR RUIZ

ACTION OF THE INSURGENTS IS DEEPLY DEPLORED.

The Same Methods Resorted to During the Last Days of the Previous War.

AUTONOMY DECREES PUBLISHED

CONSERVATIVES CALL A MASS MEETING TO ACT ON THEM.

Filibusters Busy on the Florida Coast, but They are Being Closely Watched—Madrid Papers Applaud Weyler.

KID" MC'DOUGAL CLUBBED.

The Original of the Name Probably Fatally Injured.

THE TIMES—

Weekly Circulation Statement.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SS.

Personally appeared before me, Harry Chandler, subscriber of circulation of *The Times*, Miss G. C. Chapman, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the daily bona fide editions of *The Times* for each day of the week ended December 13, 1897, were as follows:

Sunday, December 12.	27,550
Monday.	18,000
Tuesday.	18,000
Wednesday.	18,000
Thursday.	18,000
Friday.	18,000
Saturday.	18,000

Total for the week. 145,100

Daily average for the week. 20,725

HARRY CHANDLER
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December, 1897.JOHN L. CHAPIN,
Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.OPHEUM. Vandeville.
BURBANK. A Celestial Maiden.**SENATOR CHANDLER'S ALARM.**

William E. Chandler, United States Senator from New Hampshire, expresses great alarm because of the currency measure submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury. Senator Chandler predicts all sorts of disastrous happenings in case Secretary Gage's bill comes before Congress for serious discussion. He thinks it will rend the Republican party in twain, paralyze business, insure the election of a Democratic Congress in 1898, and place W. J. Bryan in the Presidential chair as President McKinley's successor. He also expresses the opinion that if this measure be passed it will result in the enactment of laws providing for the payment of the bonds and other obligations of the government in silver, and in a large increase, instead of a decrease, in the volume of greenbacks outstanding.

The ground upon which Senator Chandler bases all these dire predictions is not quite apparent. In truth, he puts forward very few reasons for the pessimistic faith that is in him, but confines his forebodings principally to dogmatic assertions. Looking at the matter in the light of common sense, the prospect seems far less gloomy than Mr. Chandler portrays. As a matter of fact, there is no danger that a discussion of the currency question in Congress will lead to any of the calamitous events foreshadowed by Mr. Chandler. The currency question is certainly one of great importance, and as such is a proper subject for discussion in the national legislature. If Secretary Gage's plan meets with the approval of a majority of the Senate and the House of Representatives, it will pass; if not, it will be defeated. This is all there is to the matter. The discussion need not lead to a political cataclysm nor to a social convulsion.

Senator Chandler's fears that the discussion of Secretary Gage's bill will retard the cause of bimetallism are groundless. As the Secretary has clearly shown, the adoption of his plan would not prejudice the cause of bimetallism, nor antagonize such efforts as may be made to advance the status of silver. The monetary standard is not identical with the question of bimetallism. True bimetallism could not co-exist with free and unlimited silver coinage, which would give us silver monometallism, with no gold in circulation. When the country decides to enter upon the latter policy, the time for discussion will be past, and the time to take to the woods will have arrived.

Senator Chandler has played hades on his watch. Call the corporal of the guard.

CONVINCING COMPARISONS.

Here is a comparative exhibit of the quantity of advertising published by the three San Francisco morning papers last Sunday, December 19, 1897, and by the LOS ANGELES TIMES on the same day:

Total No.

Los Angeles Times 150½
San Francisco Examiner 104½
San Francisco Call 103
San Francisco Chronicle 54Liners, No. Los Angeles Times (over 6 pages) 115
San Francisco Examiner 115
San Francisco Call 68
San Francisco Chronicle 69

Still again is the comparison striking enough to arrest attention, the percentage shown being as follows: The "liners" or small advertisements printed by THE TIMES amounted to 61 per cent. of the whole volume of that class of advertising printed by the three San Francisco papers combined on the same day. The total quantity of advertising of all classes (display and classified together) printed in THE TIMES on the same day was 47 per cent. of the total amount contained in the three San Francisco papers combined.

And there you are!

A Spanish anarchist traveled some distance on a train with Gen. Weyler for the purpose of assassinating that official, but failed, and so far the only punishment he has received was to have his hands and feet tied and be thrown into a ditch. There are people unkind enough to say that the penalty for a failure of that sort ought to be boiling in oil or some other gentle punishment, and that hanging would be much too mild.

Prince Henry proposes to carry "the gospel of the Emperor's hallowed person into China," but the world at large would be more content should he carry the Emperor's person over there and lose it. Bill is getting entirely too promiscuous.

a view to the ultimate location of a colony of 100,000 persons in one of the sparsely-populated Western States, the idea being that the colony could secure control of the governmental machinery of such State, and thus establish a socialistic cooperative commonwealth modeled on the peculiar ideas of Debs and his followers. The States of Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California were mentioned as the possible scene of the Debs invasion; but these States have escaped, and the scheme has fallen through for lack of material, moral support and common sense.

Emperor William may perform in opera bouffe all he wishes in Europe, but if he comes over here and goes to swishing his skirts and attempting to kick the globes of the chandelier he is likely to find the audience unruly, disrespectful and inclined to heave ancient eggs and obsolete vegetables at the performer. Should the mad Teuton get gay in American waters with his toy fleet he is likely to get a sudden jolt in the solar plexus that will at least jar him a bit, even if it does not bring him to his senses.

Everyone in Spain, according to a recent letter from Madrid, is anxious to have done with the Cuban question, and to know that peace has been established in the island. No doubt of it. Most people in the United States feel the same way. The only racial differences of opinion are as to the best methods by which these desirable results can be accomplished.

Joaquin Miller demonstrated, to his satisfaction at least, that a man could get into the Klondike country for \$100, but he has not been heard from yet as to the cost of getting out. That part of his story ought to be interesting if he will kindly refrain from lugging in allusions to strawberries plucked from drifts of snow and wild roses abloom on a glacier.

The New York World estimates that 92,000 men in that city are out of work, as compared to 125,000 out of work one year ago—a reduction of 33,000. The proportion of idle men given employment during the same period in other sections of the country is even greater. At this rate, the army of the unemployed will soon be mustered out.

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Southern California is probably the only place in the world where snow is exploited by a railway as an attraction, calling for excursion trains that a view may be had of the "beautiful." Such is the condition of affairs in Los Angeles just now, as may be seen in a current advertisement in THE TIMES.

Ward McAllister's famous 400 of the New York elect has been ruthlessly reduced at one fell swoop by Mrs. Edmund Baylies to a measly thirty-five, including Mrs. Baylies of course.

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There is absolutely no reason why any law-abiding citizen should not serve in the National Guard of Illinois or of any other State. The National Guard is never called upon to perform any duty which cannot conscientiously be performed by any citizen who appreciates the true meaning of American citizenship, and comprehends its obligations. No man engaged in the peaceful and praiseworthy pursuit of minding his own business has anything to fear from the militia organization of any State in the Union. The services of the militia are never called into requisition except in cases where the public peace is disturbed, and where the civil authorities are unable to cope with the violators of law.

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The people of the Seventh Ward look about and find the right man for school director and elect him. But let the office hunt the man. The one who wants the place, and connives to get it, is not the one who ought to be elected.

The action of the Chicago Federation of Labor is in fact a confession that its members are not good citizens, but that they choose, rather, to affiliate with the lawless element. It is a confession that lawlessness is one of the aims and objects of their organization. It is an acknowledgment that trade unionists cannot consistently ally themselves with an organization sworn to uphold the law and to protect society against the aggressions of unlawful violence.

Out of their own mouths are the trade unionists condemned. If any of them are members of the Illinois National Guard, they should be dismissed at once. Their room will be far preferable to their company.

There is nothing small about Gov. Leedy of Kansas. He proposes an irrigating ditch to extend from the headwaters of the Missouri, in Montana, to Texas, a distance of 1800 miles, at a cost of only \$30,000,000. The purpose is to impound the storm waters of the Big Muddy, which annually do a great amount of damage, and to turn them up the arid plains of Texas and other territory along the route, where they might be made to do a vast amount of good. It is a great undertaking, but by no means impossible of accomplishment. There is water enough and to spare in the vast region beyond the rest.

Emperor William has never seen a blinder in action or he would not be so vaunt in talking about handing China like an artichoke.

The Spaniards are trying to get the Cubans to accept autonomy, and the Cubans are red hot after the Spaniard's autonomy—and there you are!

New York society having been reduced to thirty-five, the other 365 of the original "400" now have a sample of the rule of the minority.

A correspondent desires to be informed on what plan the Debs colony in the State of Washington is being formed. The query presupposes something which has no tangible existence. No "Debs colony" is being formed in the State of Washington or elsewhere. Some months ago, E. V. Debs started out with a great flourish of trumpets to organize what he termed the "Social Democracy," with

the civil-service business is carried out to a logical conclusion, there will be no offices left to seek the man.

An Oklahoma youth shot a girl four times because "she didn't love him." She probably does not yet, either.

ALL MEN ARE LIARS.

SO SAYS WALTER WEBB IN HIS HASTE TO CLEAR HIMSELF.

He Declares That Every Witness Against Him Committed Foul Perjury.

BARTLETT TO THE RESCUE.

APPEARS FOR THE FIRST TIME AND PROPOSES TO VOTE.

Webb's Version of a Conversation Denounced as False by Attorney Gibbon—Webb Says He Never Owed Money to Axtell.

Walter L. Webb, the alleged chief of the Board of Education bandit, took the stand in his own behalf last night at the resumption of his trial for extortion, and if his testimony as given is true, the old adage of "honor among thieves" has been shattered beyond repair. Not is that all. If Mr. Webb's testimony is true, not only are Adams and Axtell the ones who claim that he has been paid off in his business, worse than those who have painted them, and that is surely black enough, but every innocent party who has testified in any way against Webb died in a perjurer.

In other words, Webb, regardless of his sex, color or position, branded the statements of every witness for the prosecution against him, without exception, as unqualifiedly false, and claimed that he, and he alone, remembered the truth and it.

Webb swore that Jackson Parker, the colored man from Boyle Heights, was to have a position in the schools as janitor, or anything else. A number of colored men had come to him with a petition asking Parker's appointment.

Webb told him to go and see Axtell and see whether Axstell had any day work to give him, and if he had, he (Webb) would recommend him. Axstell then said that both Axstell and Adams had deliberated over the positions of Morris and Parker.

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"I would like to be a witness for himself. In other words, I would like to be a perjurer," said Webb.

Witness then went on to explain how various committees issued orders on the Supply Committee for what the Board of Education wanted in their wants, and the Supply Committee then considered the order, and if considered right, issued a requisition for the goods, signed by two members.

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The Sprague case was next called. Bartlett introduced Sprague to witness. Webb would have voted for Sprague as engineer of High School, but Bartlett telephoned him not to do so. Bartlett explained by saying he had heard Adams was trying to get money out of Sprague.

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THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—[Reported by George E. Franklin, Local Forecast Official.] At 5 o'clock a.m., the barometer registered 30.14; at 5 p.m., 30.08. Thermometer for the corresponding hours showed 40 deg. and 50 deg. Relative humidity, 5 a.m., 26 per cent; 5 p.m., 32 per cent. Wind, 5 a.m., northeast, velocity 5 miles; 5 p.m., southwest, velocity 4 miles. Maximum temperature, 55 deg.; minimum temperature, 35 deg. Barometer reduced to sea level.

DRY BULB TEMPERATURE.

Los Angeles 40 Palestine 26
San Francisco 40 Davenport 29
Portland 22 Helena 20
Amarillo 26 St. Louis 32
Kansas City 22 St. Paul 31
Bismarck 22 North Platte 24

Indicates temperature below zero.

Weather Conditions.—Very cold weather continues throughout the country west of the Mississippi River, though the extreme temperatures which have prevailed for several days past are moderating. The temperature ranges from zero to 14 deg. below in the Northern States, and freezing continues from the Rocky Mountains eastward. Freezing temperatures are reported from the interior of California, and from the vicinity of Point Conception and Cape Mendocino. On the Coast elsewhere the temperature approaches the freezing point. General, and in many instances, killing frosts, are reported from the California stations, except in the extreme south.

Forecasts.—Local forecast for Los Angeles and vicinity: Continued fair, cold weather tonight and Tuesday, with frost, heavy in low grounds.

WEATHER FORECAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—For Southern California: Fair Tuesday, continued cold weather, light northerly winds. Probably heavy frosts Tuesday morning; smudging necessary.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Webb's \$30 evening organ again asserts that Attorney Gibbons has retired from the school-board case and also that he will soon resign from the police board. Neither statement is true. Mr. Gibbons will go East, but will return and assist in the further investigation of school scandals.

School Director Bartlett has not attended the meetings of the board and has not heard any of the evidence against Webb, but he turns up just when the defense opens its case and impudently announces his intention to vote on the question of his partner's guilt or innocence. Probably when Bartlett's turn as a defendant comes, Webb will try to reciprocate by acting as jurymen in his case. And Bartlett's turn will come.

"Lord, how this world is given to lying!" According to Walter L. Webb every man and woman who has testified before the Board of Education is a perjurer. It is sad to see principals, teachers, janitors and citizens hitherto reputed honorable join in a conspiracy of lying to injure the good name of the immaculate Webb. The grand jury should look into this matter, for surely somebody is a liar.

One of "The Times'" correspondents in the citrus-fruit section who has been making observations of frosts at the lowest points at which oranges are grown in that district reports that the mercury on Sunday night, in an exposed thermometer, reached for a brief spell the lowest point touched this winter.

During Sunday the mercury did not get above 50 deg., which led to apprehensions for the night. In the evening dense clouds hung over the land, and up to 8 o'clock the mercury fell to 40 deg. The clouds then dispersed and the mercury began to fall rapidly, though it was not until 11 o'clock that the freezing point was reached, while the night before that point had been reached at 9 o'clock. This shortening of the duration of the frost by the clouds has doubtless proved of immense benefit to the orange crop. The temperature at various hours, as far as observed, was as follows: Midnight, 29 deg.; 12 m., Monday, 28 deg.; 2:30 a.m., 26 deg.; sunrise, 24 deg. It is now believed that the mercury at any time fell below the latter figure, which was probably the "snapper" which often comes just before sunrise.

The temperature of the interior of oranges exposed on the trees was found to be 25 deg., the same as was found on a previous night, when the mercury stood for hours at 26 deg. As these observations were made with a view to learning the conditions of the fruit under the worst exposure, and as the observations seem to indicate that 28 deg. is about the point at which orange juice congeals, instead of 32 as with water, it does not seem that any great damage was done in that locality. In fact, the frost of the preceding night, when the temperature was 2 deg. higher, but when there was freezing temperature for eleven hours, was more destructive. The point at which the observations were made is believed, from the history of previous frosts, to be one or two degrees higher than the most undesirable orchards in Southern California, which would indicate that in such places, for a brief period, the mercury must have touched 22 or 23 deg. On the other hand, within half mile from the point of observation, at a higher altitude, the lowest record was 26 deg. at sunrise, and little or no damage could have resulted, while the great bulk of the orange orchards of Southern California are at a still higher elevation above frost channels, and were entirely exempt from damage.

Some Things are Impossible.

Ninth Ward Citizen. I understand you are going to hold a special election in the Seventh Ward to elect a successor to School Director Adams, who has been expelled from the Board of Education.

Seventh Ward Citizen. We are. Ninth Ward Citizen. I'll gamble on it that you'll elect a worse man in his place.

Seventh Ward Citizen. Impossible. Walter L. Webb lives in the Ninth Ward, and is ineligible.

Great Distress.

W. M. Ware has been in the County Jail for seven months, and is likely to go to State's prison for a term of years. His wife and four children, the eldest only 6 years of age, live at No. 620 Maple avenue, and are said to be in great distress. They need fuel and provisions. Ware, who cannot help them, pleads for assistance for his suffering wife and children.

An Original Nightmare.

A Mississippian paper says that a negro living near Newton, who heard his dogs barking one night, found that they had killed a remarkable animal. It looked like a bulldog, ears like a mule, legs like a duck, and a tail like an elephant, and it was long-bodied like a weasel.

The Playhouses

Your money's worth or your money back.

PRICES
A SURPRISE.

LOS ANGELES THEATER. As study reveals, the play "Ole Olsen" has considerable interest, the melodrama is a cheap, tawdry, and commonplace to a degree, so much so that one cannot but wonder why Ben Hendricks, to whom is given the character of the Swede gardener for interpretation, does not get somebody to write him a play worthy his talents. To be sure, the audiences which flock to the theater to witness the things that go on in "Ole Olsen" appear to enjoy the playing of horse that goes on and the bathos that envelops us as with a garment in which we are to find supreme satisfaction, but for all that the play, as a play, is a dreadful specimen of cheap playwriting, and it is only saved from utter disaster by the extremely clever way in which Mr. Hendricks plays the foolish immigrant who has just come over. The company in support of the star this season is about the same as heretofore. Miss Hussey sings the same Irish songs that she did the first year the play was seen here, except that her voice is considerably more powerful and she is more crackling than heretofore, and her dancing as spic'y as the ovid sod as ever. C. F. Lorraine has a very deep basso profundo voice, with which he exploits numerous familiar ballads in a rather mechanical fashion, and as for the rest of the company, they are as good as the pieces give them a chance to be, which is only so.

The engagement closed with last evening's performance, having been given its first presentation on Sunday night. The houses have been so large in the early portions of the act, to be top-heavy, and, as is already mentioned, the audiences have taken to the quaint Swedish gentleman warmly, and applauded the thirdbase scenes and incidents of a melodramatic character with indifference and zeal. Mr. Hendricks has a fine capacity for character impersonation, and in his fitting vehicle will be able to hold public favor for a long time to come.

An advertising feature of "Ole Olsen" is John Lawson, "the Terrible Swede" bicyclist rider, who appears between the acts, but is not noted for doing much of the play, and is merely an interpolation. He is a lithesome young foreigner, who makes the wheels of a stationary bicycle go with a record-breaking swiftness, and also does a half mile run on the machine with some novel electrical effect. He is given a dark stage. A couple of local riders were introduced to show the difference between a master of the wheel and the ordinary racing man.

OPRUMETTE. The big feature of the bill this week in vaudeville is Pauline, the famous American prima donna who is an artist par excellence. Her feats are all clean cut, dexterous and graceful, and of them entirely new. One of the cleverest bits in this act is the accomplishment of a performer in balancing himself on two parallel cues, using the ordinary mechanical work as the hand hold, these resting on the floor, and of the cue the acrobat raising himself from the floor of the stage unaided. This same performer—whether Pauline or Pliquo one is unable to determine from the programme—does some astonishing stunts of climbing on the horizontal bar that quite surpasses anything before seen here in that line. The clown of the team fills in the resting spaces very acceptably with the usual comical falls and fake feats.

The other features of the bill are all hot-cold acts, from last week's famous Fred Brown, the clever ragtime dancer; Harry Edson and his wonderful trick dog; the Clemence trio in a potpourri of new songs, the best of which is on stanza of Robyn's "Annie" with the accomplished contralto, Dixie Goss. See also the expertly funny juggler, and Stanley and Jackson in their sketch, "Before the Ball," in which Mr. Stanley does his imitation of the flagelot in such a manner as to deceive the very elect.

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THE PUBLIC SERVICE)

FIRE-HOSE AWARD.

COUNCIL ADOPTS THE FIRE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

CITY AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT—DATE OF SEVENTH WARD ELECTION MAY BE CHANGED.

THEY HAD A HIGH OLD TIME.

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO THE KILLING OF BOWMAN.

BEEF AND FAST WOMEN CUT AN IMPORTANT FIGURE—MRS. BOWMAN ON THE STAND—CRANDALL WILL TESTIFY.

The protracted deadlock in the City Council over the fire-hose award was broken yesterday. The four Councilmen who fought the attempt to give the entire contract to the Furrey Company, insisting that the Council should approve the award of the Fire Commissioners, have scored a signal victory. For weeks they were subjected to every influence that the Webb-Hellman combination could bring to bear upon them, but they refused to yield. Yesterday the situation was completely changed. By an almost unanimous vote the Council decided to award the contract in accordance with the recommendations of the Fire Commissioners.

Some question has arisen concerning the date of the Seventh-ward special election. It is possible that the Council may be obliged to postpone the election in order to comply with the primary election law.

The City Auditor's annual report has been filed.

The widow of Jack Bowman testified yesterday for the prosecution at the trial of Frank D. Crandall for the murder of Bowman at Ballona in September last. She stated that on the day preceding the tragedy Crandall had threatened to "fix" her husband. There were several important witnesses who testified to the quarrel between Bowman and Crandall two days before the former's death, and the shooting on the beach at Ballona. The whole affair seems to have been the outcome of a debauch in which her beef and fast women played the leading parts.

AT THE CITY HALL.

DEADLOCK BROKEN.

FIRE-HOSE CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE COUNCIL.

WANING OF THE WEBB-HELLMAN INFLUENCE IN CITY HALL AFFAIRS. POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS IN THE SEVENTH WARD SPECIAL ELECTION.

The deadlock in the City Council over the fire-hose award has at last been broken, and the action taken yesterday betokens the waning of the Jim Hellman influence in city politics. By an almost unanimous vote the Council decided to approve the last award made by the Fire Commissioners, giving 1000 feet of hose to each of five bidders, viz., the California Hardware Company, Harper Remodeling Co., the Furrey Company, the Union Hardware Company and Cass, Smurr & Co.

This result marks the conclusion of a long fight. The contract for supplying the city with 5000 feet of hose has been twice advertised, and the Fire Commissioners have now agreed upon the bids received, recommending a distribution of the contract among several of the bidders. Their first award gave 2000 feet to the Furrey Company. This award was not considered satisfactory by the Council, and after a long fight it was voted to re-open the contract and give the entire contract to the Furrey Company. This was done, but the majority found its action nullified by the minority. The charter requires the assent of two-thirds of the entire council, and the fact that only one more vote was needed, it was not forthcoming. School Director Webb took a hand in the affair and made a great effort to bring one of the minority members into line. He was unsuccessful. Jim Hellman also brought his wife, Mrs. Hellman, into the minority, but they were stubborn. They insisted that Hellman's company should not receive the entire award unless it was demonstrated that its hose was at least equal to the other bidders offered. On this point Hellman never offered to produce any evidence, for the excellent reason that his hose was notoriously of inferior grade.

The deadlock in the Council remained until yesterday, when the Council finally decided to adopt the award last made by the Fire Commissioners. This result is highly significant, for it marks the decadence of the Hellman-Webb influence in City Hall politics.

The action taken yesterday was the immediate result of a communication calling attention to the need of supplying the department with new hose. Baker moved that the clerk be instructed to advertise for bids. Blanchard made a motion that the entire contract be awarded to the Furrey Company. This motion prevailed, despite some vigorous kicking from the Populist Councilman from the Eighth Ward. The motion was then modified so that the Council apportioned the contract among five of the bidders. Nickell was absent from the Council chamber when this motion was carried. The vote stood 7 to 1.

CITY ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE.

Max Meyberg appeared in behalf of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association to ask the City to contribute toward the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of gold in California. The anniversary occurs on January 24, and Mr. Meyberg stated that the same day would witness the opening of the permanent exhibit of gold products, and that the Council had appropriated \$500 to aid in the celebration. The request was referred to the Finance Committee. Later in the day the committee reported that having before it no formal communication from the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, no action had been taken on Mr. Meyberg's request.

ALLEY FIGHT ENDED.

The protracted squabble over the

proposed alley in the block bounded by Fourth, Fifth, Hill and Broadway was brought to a close. The property-owners interested have been disputing the exact location of the proposed width and precise location of the alley. An ordinance was adopted yesterday providing for an alley twenty feet wide. It is understood that the warring property-owners have agreed to accept this decision without further opposition.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

The City Attorney presented ordinances as follows:

An ordinance abandoning an alley in block 10 of Newell's corner's subdivision of part of the Chavez tract.

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Some complications threaten to arise in the councilathen to the date of election fixed in this ordinance. The new primary election law provides that in all elections sixty days must elapse between the ordinance providing for the election and the election itself. This ordinance was passed December 10, so that less than the required time intervenes. There will not be sufficient time to hold primaries as provided by the new law, should this be desired. Consequently it would seem that there might be grave question as to the validity of the election, and that it might be successfully assailed.

The ordinance was passed during the absence from the city of the City Attorney, and it is quite probable that the Council may reconsider its action.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Ordinances were presented by the City Engineer and adopted, as follows:

Final ordinance changing and establishing the grade of Gratiot street from Ninth street to a point 139 feet north of the corner of Broadway and Gratiot, establishing the grade of Virgil avenue from Fourth street to Geneva street; final ordinance establishing the grade of Geneva street from Hoover street to Miami avenue; ordinance of intention to establish the grade of Pecan street from the corner of 10th and 11th streets to the northern end of Pecan street; ordinance of intention to change and establish the grade of Date street from Elizabeth street to the angle in Date street 162.10 feet northerly from Quercus street.

The City Engineer also recommended that the proceedings to curb and sidewalk the west side of Figueroa street from Fourth street to Fifth street be abandoned, for the reason that there are proceedings under way to change the grade of said street.

DOWNEY AVENUE PROTEST.

The City Engineer also reported as follows: "In regard to the protest against the improvement of Downey avenue between the Duar bridge and Mission road, which said protest has been referred to me by the honorable Board of Public Works, for investigation, I find as follows:

"Total frontage on avenue ... 14,428.00

A majority of which is 7,216.50

Represented on face of protest 10,198.00

"The following names appear both on the petition for the work and on the protest against the same:

Foot.

Mrs. F. E. Bridges 125

T. T. Brickett 125

R. H. Chapman 125

W. C. Clark 125

H. W. Chase 150

J. F. Gage 110

W. A. Jones (owns 25 signs) 50

"The same type of business as above:

C. M. Hayden 50

E. Hansell 50

Isabella Lacy, by William Lacy, attorney in fact 189

C. A. Neil 138.5

Mrs. E. R. Nease 110

Mrs. Amelia Scott 40

J. F. T. Wagstaff 115

Total represented on both petition and protest 1412.5

"There are duplicate signatures as follows:

Foot.

J. M. Bacon 165

Fred Chard 60

Sam Seuci Hotel and Park Company and Baroness Rogniat 600

J. N. Smalley 55

Mary F. Shoemaker 200

Gwendolyn Newton or Mrs. S. C. Newton 200

Total 1330

"There are signed by agents without authority as follows:

Foot.

Los Angeles Railway Company by J. J. Akian, superintendent 275

Francesca Jesurun, by W. J. Brodrick, attorney in fact 216

L. A. Pomroy, by Watts Ross, Agent, 110

A. M. Thornton for trustees, Bradbury estate 165

J. J. Richards trustee, by D. C. Bursey, agent 55

Mrs. Emily Snyder, guardian of Craig minors, by J. Snyder 65

Total signed by agents 886

"There is also a statement signed by Mrs. Jane Schleifella to the effect that she authorized her son to sign the petition and that she signed the protest through him.

The total represented on both petition and protest 1412.5

"There are duplicate signatures as follows:

Foot.

Mrs. Jane Schleifella represents 110

"I have also a communication from Mrs. J. A. Alton to the effect that she purchased the property at the corner of Downey avenue and Eastlake avenue from Alberta J. Denis previous to the signing or filing of the protest, and asking to have the protest in regard to said property revoked.

Foot.

Alberta J. Denis signed for 55

"In addition to the above the Los Angeles Terminal Railway Company signed for 360 feet, whereas I am only able to account for 300 feet.

Foot.

A difference of 5

SUMMARY.

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Name on both petition and protest represents 1412.5

Duplicate signatures 1380

Signed by agents 886

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L. A. Terminal Railway (different) 55

"The above summary (with the exception of the signatures by agents) represents a total of 3014.5 feet, which should be deducted from the face of the protest.

Foot.

Balance 7,183.5

"This is thirty-three feet less than a

majority, and is subject to still further deduction by reason of signatures by agents who have no authority. As to this latter point I am unable to decide. The protest had been set for 2 p.m., and at that hour a number of the protestants appeared and expressed their objections. After a protracted hearing the Council referred the matter back to the Board of Public Works, and postponed further hearing for one week.

OTHER PROTESTS.

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FIRE AND WATER COMMITTEE.

The Fire and Water Committee reported as follows:

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"In the matter of petition from A. M. Tutill et al., we recommend that the Los Angeles City Water Company be instructed to place a fire hydrant at the corner of First street and Fremont avenue."

The protest was then carried that it was the sense of the Council that the people of the Seventh Ward should nominate their candidates by petition rather than by primaries.

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FROM THE ORANGE BELT.

GROVES IN THE LOWLANDS UNDOUBTEDLY SUFFERED.

Oranges in the Higher Districts Believed to Be Uninjured by Sunday Night's Frost—Colder Weather Last Night in the Valleys.

The frost that was predicted for Sunday night and Monday morning arrived, and the temperature in the lowland orange districts fell to 24 deg. above zero, but the orange-growers do not admit that any serious damage was done. It is almost impossible to get reliable information from anybody interested in the fruit business, and many of the reports sent out evidently are based upon readings of thermometers not so exposed as to indicate the conditions in the orchards. Information received from regular correspondents of The Times specially instructed to ascertain the facts, is given below:

RIVERSIDE.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 20.—Sunday night was the coldest of the season here, and the general opinion, as summed up from the statements of a large number of orange-growers from different parts of the valley, is that little damage was done to the crops.

A representative of one of the leading fruit firms made a complete round of the valley today, and reports that except in certain exposed sections the oranges were not injured by the frost. The lower temperature registered by the thermometer in this section was 24 deg., and that was in the lowlands down the valley.

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 21, 12:30 a.m.—The thermometer in front of the water company's office registers 41 deg. at this hour. A strong breeze is blowing, and there is no danger of a killing frost.

[Note.—The thermometer evidently is not exposed to conditions that prevail in the orchards; and the reading is too high.]

SAN BERNARDINO.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 20.—[Regular Correspondence.] The cold wave reached its climax here Sunday night, but little damage to the fruit crop is reported.

Dr. A. K. Johnson, volunteer weather observer of this city, says that the lowest point registered during the night was 25 deg. Several other citizens claim the minimum was 21 deg. at one time during the night.

From Highland comes the report that 28 deg. was the lowest point reached and in Old San Bernardino 29 deg. was the minimum registered. In Redlands the mercury dropped to 23 deg. and a thermometer in Redlands registered 26 deg. In the sections named, as obtained from reliable authority, little, if any, damage was done to the oranges or lemons.

POMONA.

POMONA, Dec. 20—9:20 p.m.—[Regular Correspondence.] The mercury has fallen ten degrees in four hours and now registers 28, the point at which it stood forty minutes after midnight of Sunday. It is the worst start yet on record.

Midnight.—The mercury now registers 25 deg., four degrees lower than last night. If it falls as much as it did last night, it will stand at 21 before morning. There is no wind and the sky is clear. Mercury reached freezing point at 11 p.m. yesterday and at 7 p.m. today.

REDLANDS.

REDLANDS, Dec. 20.—[Associated Press.] The lowest thermometer reading in Smiley Heights was 31 deg. A few in exposed parts of Redlands went down to 24. Orchardists generally report 27 and 28. Many orchards have been examined today and it is claimed that all are uninjured. Some thin Mediterranean sweets are hurt some. Tonight promises to be about as cold as last night.

LOTTERY SCHEMES.

Word-puzzle Prize Advertisements Excluded from Mails.

The ruling of the Postoffice Department at Washington barring papers and magazines containing lottery subscription advertisements has been received by the local postoffice and is found to affect a number of the leading magazines if they do not take warning and remove the objectionable features from their advertising pages. Among these lottery advertisements are such as "Where does the word horseback appear in the Bible?" with cash prizes for the correct answers, providing they are accompanied by cash for subscription to the publication offering the prize. Another is the offering of prizes for making names out of a jumble of letters and another for solving riddles and puzzles. These are all classed as lottery schemes because each makes the subscription a necessary consideration, each offers a prize and each makes the obtaining of the prize depend on chance by stipulating that the first correct answers to be mailed or received will gain the prize.

These advertisements are usually the schemes of small and struggling publications to gain subscribers. They have been appearing for some time in several papers of the clubs, the Cosmopolitan, Munson's and other magazines, but heretofore no publication containing them can pass through the mails.

The Trading Stamp Scheme.

The promoters of the so-called "trading-stamp scheme" are still trying to induce the merchants of Los Angeles to make use of their peculiar methods. Secretary Zeehandelaar of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association has sent to the merchants of this city one hundred circular letters describing the merits of the scheme and giving the experience of the merchants in other cities who had been induced to embark in the enterprise. Mr. Zeehandelaar has found that the promoters of the scheme are trying to win over the trade represented by well-known merchants that some well-known house has decided to accept their offers. But so far no first-class business house in the city has done so. The trading-stamp concerns have been strongly denounced by the commercial organizations of San Francisco and Oakland.

Injured While Drunk.

John Tolkin, drunk and injured, was found lying beside the car track at the corner of Eighth street and Central avenue about 9 o'clock last night. He was removed to the Receiving Hospital, where a cut on his left cheek was dressed and the man sent to the hospital, but no accident was reported at the company's office.

Hypnotism.

The Fontanas, hypnotists, will open a series of entertainments at the Los Angeles Theater tonight. Their performance includes hypnotism, mind-reading, mesmerism, etc., and they say it is scientific.

ENGRAVED ALUMINUM.

Toilet sets, shaving sets, napkin rings, aluminized lamps, teapots, chafing dishes, match, lamp, and soap boxes, not to mention tins, etc. Pittsburgh Aluminum Company, No. 188 South Spring.

MUST move. Big cut in jewelry novelties. N. Moore, No. 251 South Spring.

COLLIS WANTED TO KNOW.
Couldn't Understand Why the Police Overlooked Buncos-steers.

James Collis, a young man about 20 years of age, was arrested by Officer Gorman at 7:30 o'clock last night and locked up on a charge of begging. Collis appeared to be somewhat intoxicated and it was necessary for the officer to place the handcuffs on him before he would submit to arrest. While waiting for the patrol wagon at the corner of Second and Spring street, he gained the sympathy of many of the large crowd that had gathered, by asking the officer why more attention was not devoted by the police to the arrest of buncos-steers. The arrest was not preliminary to organization has been done, and immediately after the Farmers' Convention, January 3, 4 and 5, Mr. Sprague will be in the field all of the time organizing local associations throughout all of the territory south of Tehachapi.

Pomona Fruit-growers.

On Saturday last a Deciduous Fruit-Growers' Association was organized at the Pomona Farmers' Market in the Southern California Fruit Exchange. Mr. Sprague, general organizer, reports the prospects excellent for the formation of a strong district exchange in the vicinity of Pomona, and that the movement elsewhere is gaining headway and progress successful. A great deal of work preliminary to organization has been done, and immediately after the Farmers' Convention, January 3, 4 and 5, Mr. Sprague will be in the field all of the time organizing local associations throughout all of the territory south of Tehachapi.

NOT ON Santa Claus's List.

Two boys, Arthur and Charles Bagley, undertook to boom the trade in Christmas goods yesterday by purloining a music box, a mouth organ, some marbles and other trinkets at the Broadway Department Store, and disposing of the stolen articles at the Ark, a toy store on North Main street. After this transaction the two stole a dog from the store of the Merchant-Kings, adding to the work, but they did not get far before Officer Phillips swooped down upon them and sent them to the Police Station to be locked up on the charge of petty larceny.

WON'T PAY TWICE.

Charles Blakeman, a conductor on the Daily-street electric road, was tried for the shooting of a man at Justice Morrison's court, and acquitted. The alleged battery consisted in ejecting a passenger who refused to pay his fare on the ground that he had already paid it. The conductor thought he had not paid, so he stopped the car and put the man off, but used no force or violence in doing so. It appears that the man had paid his fare, but did not treat the conductor civilly when the latter, through mistake, asked him to pay the second time.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

MONDAY, Dec. 20, 1897. (Figures in parentheses, unless otherwise given, give volume and page of miscellaneous records and recorded titles.)

(Refugee, A. D. vs. Francisco L. Reyes et al., \$150.)

8 Rowley et ux to Mary S Strohs, lot 4 and part of lot 5, Rowley tract, \$7500. S P Crosley to W A Belger, lot 200, M L Wick's subdivision of the Garbonier tract, \$100.

Martha E Wilson to G H Peck, Jr., block 16, excepting lots 10, 11, and 14, Rudecinda tract, Palos Verdes Rancho, \$1000.

J F Mounton et ux to Joseph Peacock, lot 10, block 12, Phillips tract, Rancho La Punta, \$1000.

R S Field et ux to C A Cole, undivided 1/2 interest in lot 5, block 11, Wolfskill Orchard tract, \$1000.

Cole et ux to Elizabeth Scott, part of lot 4, block 11, Agricultural Park tract, \$1000.

Nelson Smith to Walter Smith, lot 5, block K, Monroe, lot 2, block 17, Electric Home tract, \$1000. J C Smith to Monroe land tract, addition No. 1, lots 18, 20 and 21, block B, Crabbella tract, city of Los Angeles, \$1000.

H Bartle et ux to Nancy D Barnes, lot 5, Bonsai's subdivision in block K, Monroe, \$250.

Calvin Hartwell et ux to E H Royce et ux, part of lot 12, Giddings tract (5-106), \$1000.

John T. Giddings et ux to John T. Giddings, lot 60, L H Michener's subdivision in block B, Painter & Ball's addition to Pasadena, \$2000.

W Meteker et ux to T E Newlin, lots 15, 17 and 18, block 16, E. Pierce & Lindenbach's addition to Whittier, \$150.

Aracida B de Baker to Mrs Mary L Chaffield, lot Q, block 18, Santa Monica, \$325.

Glasliss to Los Angeles County, 4526 acres in Santa Gertrudes Land Association lands, \$4000.

The Alamitos Land Company to Mrs Eugenia A N Norton, lots 10 and 11, block 59, Alamitos Beach, town of \$1000.

E Daftell et ux to J T Jouquin, lot 2, block 72, San Pedro, \$1200.

SUMMARY.

Deeds ... 39
Nominal ... 21
Total ... \$38,455.00



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IN ARIZONA.

CANAL RECEIVERSHIP BECOMING VERY MUCH INVOLVED.

Phoenix Will Soon Have a New Operahouse—Chauancey Depew and Pierpont Morgan Expected at an Early Date—Frederick W. Gatke Dead.

PHOENIX, Dec. 18.—[Regular Correspondence.] The receivership of the Arizona Canal seems to be getting more and more involved. In fact, it looks as though there might be no receiver soon, although that is not likely. The receivership covers both the Arizona Canal Company and the Arizona Improvement Company. The suit for a receiver, which was first brought by the majority stockholders, has been withdrawn. In its place, there is at least a motion for its withdrawal, which has been filed by Attorney Alsworth, the withdrawal being submitted to the appointment of Mr. Hall. However, it now seems that Mr. Hall's appointment is satisfactory to the Glendale and minority interests, and unsatisfactory to the majority interests, who are still trying to have him withdrawn when Mr. Hall was named, the question arises whether grounds exist for naming a receiver. The Glendale interests, however, have also applied for a receiver, and on that ground that the Arizona Improvement Company is the controlling spirit of the canal, have made it also a party to the case. The result of the receiver appointed for today is that the Glendale interests will be given preference over the others.

THE TRAMP LESS.

A tramp less and three boys who will never do so any more. Such may be regarded as the sum and substance of the murder trial of Ricks, Steele and Dally, the three boys from Mesa. The boys were set free yesterday by the jury, after they had deliberated all day on the question all day. There are three trials, each with three defendants, all of which will be strongly defended. The first is as to homicide, and is to let the youth of Mesa know the score to the Mesa boys, the effect that they should be held responsible; and third is to everybody, to let the new wine of Mesa alone, which first biteth like a serpent and at the last raises very God.

MORE OPERAHOUSE TALK.

Phoenix is once more threatened with an opera house. And the threat is from the same old source—Patterson, who built the barn with an inside bay-window and some chairs below it, where a few second-rate companies have been put up, and then torn down time to time. But things really do look very encouraging. Subscriptions, all with good security, to the extent of \$11,000, have been obtained, and to which others have agreed to contribute liberally. A \$30,000 bond is promised. It is to be 62x137 feet, with a stage, the width of the building, 32 feet deep and 65 feet high. It will be located on Washington street, between Third and Fourth avenues. The subscription comes largely from owners of property adjacent that will be thereby improved.

PHOENIX BREVITIES.

Dr. Chauancey Depew and Pierpont Morgan are expected in Phoenix soon. Dr. Depew will find in the Salt River Valley a place to be eloquent about, but it is greater to be hoped that he will not dish up another original version of that Yuma-and-the-bridge story once before.

The Phoenix football team will knock the Christmas stuffing out of a team of footballists from Fort Huachuca on the 25th. Both teams are in fine form.

The Santa Fe and Grand Canyon Railroad Company has amended its articles of incorporation so as to exempt from liability the private property of the stockholders from the corporate debts.

The Board of Supervisors have gone into the real estate business, and for a few weeks have been offering some choice "snaps" in the way of parcels in city property to be exchanged for farm property. The object is to obtain farm lands near the city for poor farm purposes. At present the indigent poor cost the county \$1000 a month. Much of this money will be offset by a county poor farm.

A former abuse in the jury system, last corrected by Atty.-Gen. Frazier, is to the effect that the jurors are entitled to fees and mileage, since the hours are not allowed. He holds that enforcement service to our re-incarceration is unconstitutional.

The Phoenix High School has a very school-like appearance. It will be ready for occupancy the first Monday in January.

The "Post of San Joaquin Valley" is dead. Frederick W. Gatke, to whom such title has been given, died at his ranch three miles east of Yuma. The basic of one of his poems was from his old camp. When a young man he saw his sweetheart with another young man's arm about her. Full of jealousy, he went to the camp and left the country. Forty years later they met at the World's Fair. Gatke explained that the young man of whom Gatke had been jealous was his brother, a soldier just returned from the Civil War. As both were married and had families of their own, nothing was left. Mr. Gatke but to write a poem about it. It is said to have been of a high order of merit.

The lower regions seem to be getting in the way on the wells about Phoenix. In dozens of the wells the water has become tepid; in some almost warm.

JEROME. Dec. 18.—[Regular Correspondence.] Jerome seems to have more use for one of her children than for the other, albeit the man in question preferred to abide here. The party is William De Lashmit, marshal of Selma, Fresno county, and he had with him \$1000 when he came back today by Constable Spencer, Gov. McCord having telegraphed a requisition.

Jerome is soon to have the class of business buildings a block long built on the hill it serves. A \$30,000 hotel is promised, as well as two lesser buildings, one a two-story stone building; the other a three-story brick.

ARIZONA AT-LARGE. The charnelship case of long-distance counting of chickens prior to their emerging is that of L. Rankin of Evans Camp, Coconino county. Rankin proposes to settle in Yuma because he expects that Southern California is going to be the capital to Arizona, and that Yuma will be the capital of the new state. Yuma is not Rankin's true sphere. He should go to San Diego.

About 100 three cowboys in eastern Graham county brought in a fairy tale of having been purloined by the Indians and driven to the south of their ranch. They were sent out and found the Indians nothing worse than a party of Mexicans. The soldiers got back to their fort in safety.

NEW RAILROAD BUILDING.

The first step in building the new railroad from San Pedro to Nacozari, Sonora, Mex., after the rails are provided, is the steel and ties. This is being done by taking up the steel of the present road, which is lighter, being only forty pounds to the yard, that it may be relaid on the extension southward. Seventy-five pound steel will be put down, and the extension will be 100 miles long, making a total from Benson to Nacozari of about 170 miles. This will be valuable to Sonora, opening up opportunities for commerce and a vast cattle and agricultural region. The 75-pound steel is being distributed.

Begun January 15, a shut-down of four weeks for the completion of new machinery will take place at the United Verde works at Jerome. The work will be sent out and found the Indians nothing worse than a party of Mexicans. The soldiers got back to their fort in safety.

THE TIMES.

There is little doubt now that the Gila Valley, Globe and Rail Road will be extended from Geronimo to Globe. President Garland is now in the East to close contracts with the copper companies. Confirming previous reports, he said a telegram from Washington says: "The House has extended for two years the time for the construction over the San Carlos (Ariz.) reservation of the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railway."

A NEW SECT.

The Polish Offshoot from the Roman Catholic Church.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The Times-Herald says that the Polish Catholic seceders from the Roman Church, who have organized the independent "Polish Catholic Church of America," were three parishes located in Chicago, received Bishop Anthony Kozlowski, leader of the revolt, as the spiritual head of the church in America on Sunday with impressive ritual. The new prelate has just returned from Europe, where he went by appointment of his people to receive ordination as a

bishop. As he could not secure recognition from the Holy See, and was consecrated by a bishop of the Catholic Christian Church of Switzerland, there was said to be doubt as to the welcome awaiting him. This proved to be unfounded. The priests of the parish received him with open arms and great enthusiasm in his course of action.

By this act a new sect is formally established in America, which occupies the anomalous position of recognizing the Roman pontiff as primate of the universal church, yet not recognizing all these, yet affirming complete liberty in local self-government as to the investment of property titles in the local parish organizations.

The priesthood of the new church hood spurs the movement as one of the American Reformation, and predict that it will rapidly absorb most of the Polish-American Catholics into its fellowship. About 17,000 communicants are claimed by the three parishes in Chicago, after but four years of existence. The movement has spread to dozen other cities. Bishop Kozlowski now stands at the head of this sect in America. Because of its significance the prelate's return to the people whom he had led into the independent movements yesterday was celebrated as both a patriotic and religious gathering of many thousands of Poles in this city.

After solemn high mass had been celebrated Bishop Kozlowski made a report of his mission to Switzerland for consecration. He presented the documents of his ordination, which was read in Latin by Rev. Paul Pollock, and was interpreted first in Polish and then in English by Father Zelowski. This parchment is regarded by the priesthood of the new sect as ample proof of legitimate ordination.

FRANCE TAXING PIGS.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DAY REPORT.]

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The debate on the bill increasing the customs duties on pigs, pig products and lard was opened in the Chamber of Deputies today. M. Charles Gruson opposing the measure. He said he did not think it would fulfill the expectation of agriculture, and would cost the consumers \$6,000,000 annually. M. Graxw (Rep.) supported the bill. He said that in three years France had imported hogs and pork products valued at \$120,000,000, while her exports did not exceed \$25,000,000. M. Graxw, Justin, one of the leaders of the workmen's party, expressed the opinion that the bill would only help the manufacturers of pork products, and that it would be imprudent to jeopardize the negotiations with the United States on the subject of pork and lard by making ill-advised changes in the customs duties.

The Premier, M. Meline, said that it was intended to remedy the decline of the price of pork, which he pointed out, was doing considerable harm to French agriculture.

M. Meline remarked that the government was preparing another bill dealing with the adulteration of pork products. The statement was received with applause. M. Meline declared the government was in one with the United States on the question of bimetallism. The bill was eventually adopted by a vote of 413 to 15.

It fixes the duty on hogs at \$12, on sucking pigs at \$3, on hog products at \$5 and on lard at \$3 per hundred kilos.

Old Tea Firm Assigns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—George B. Moorewood & Co., shipping and commission merchants on No. 121 Front street, assigned today. The house is the oldest in the business in this city, having been established in 1832 by George B. Moorewood, who died in 1892. The firm had connections in England, India and China, and a year ago claimed a capital of \$150,000. No schedule of assets and liabilities was given, but a member of the firm stated to-night that the assignment was caused by the decline in coffee, and that the liabilities would not exceed \$100,000.

The firm of "Sons of Valley" is dead. Andrew March, another of the schooner's crew, testified that he did not see the killing of the mate, but heard Anderson say he had killed him. Witness said he heard Anderson call the mate down from aloft. He heard the conversation between Anderson and the mate and heard four shots, after which Anderson

TRAGEDY OF THE SEAS.

A SEAMAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER AND ARSON.

Driven to Desperation by Cruelties, He Killed His Captain and Mate and Burned the Vessel—Shipmates Tell the Same Tale.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

NORFOLK (Va.), Dec. 20.—The trial of John Anderson, cook of the schooner Oliver Pecker, for the murder of Mate Whitman, Waller, and under the high seas in August last, was begun in the Federal court today. Anderson is also under indictment for the murder of Capt. Whitman and the burning of the schooner.

John Anderson, the cook, was

said: "Come out here, boys, and lower a boat and put me ashore. The captain and mate are dead and I am in charge of the ship."

On cross-examination March's testimony was not shaken. John de D'Albarri did not see the shooting but heard the shots. His story did not vary essentially from those of his mates. Referring to his conversation with Anderson after the tragedy, Barrial said Anderson took him aside and told him that he (Anderson) had killed the captain and mate to save the lives of the crew, and before they left the vessel they would all be just as guilty as he (Anderson). Barrial said he urged the cook not to burn the schooner.

William Horsborough, another seaman, was the last witness examined. His story did not differ materially from the others, and when he had concluded his testimony, court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

"RAMBAHN."

Incorporation to Assist Needy Jews in Jerusalem and Palestine.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS NIGHT REPORT.]

ALBANY (N. Y.), Dec. 20.—A certificate of incorporation was filed today with the Secretary of State by "The American Congregation, the Pride of Jerusalem." Its principal headquarters are to be in New York City, and it is intended to carry on operations throughout the United States and Canada. The object of the organization is to aid and assist indigent and needy Jews of all nationalities resident in Jerusalem and Palestine by means of dues, donations and collections from receptacles bearing the Hebrew words, "Rabbi Meyer Ball Ha Ness," or an abbreviation thereof, "Rambahn."

Martin Barsiad, a Norwegian, a member of the schooner's crew, was called to the stand as the first eyewitness to the terrible tragedy that will go down as one of the most dastardly and terrible of modern times.

Barsiad testified that he was at the wheel during the whole affair. He saw Anderson throw water on the captain's dog on the morning of August 6, the day of the crime, then he heard the captain curse Anderson, after which he had led the mate into the cabin and given him a noise. He had supposed the captain had struck Anderson, who came up and asked the mate to protect him. The mate said: "Go to hell; you've got to die any way." Shortly after this Anderson came out of the captain's cabin and called the mate down out of the rigging and shot him four times. He summoned all hands and made them throw the body overboard. Then he made them go down into the cabin and throw that overboard, after which he took the body of the captain and threw it overboard. In the meantime he had given the crew whisky and given them a noise. The story of the burning of the vessel under Anderson's orders and the voyage to land in the small boats varied little from the published accounts.

Ready for More Technicalities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The State Department has been advised that the Canadian authorities have surrendered upon an extradition warrant James R. Bennett, a man accused of the murder of Victor, on a charge of murderous assault upon his wife in San Francisco. Bennett made a determined effort to resist extradition and sued out two writs of habeas corpus. In addition, he made an attempt to escape from a cell in the warden's office, in the course of which attempt the life of the warden was imperiled.

John Lind, who called to the stand, also told essentially the same story as Barsiad, except that he did not see Anderson shoot the mate. Anderson came up to him and told him that he had killed the captain, and that the mate had to go, too. The witness then went and called the watch, and when he was doing so, heard three or four shots on the other side of the vessel. Witness helped to throw the bodies overboard, and Anderson, he said, cursed the dead body of the mate. He could not say what language he used. Speaking of the mate, he said, "He gave us a drink, and Lind said it was only half a bottle, and no one was drunk. The captain and mate were dead when thrown overboard. Anderson fired three shots when the small boat left the burning schooner, though when he did it witness could say Lind told him the crew drew lots to see who should go together, and his lot fell with that of Anderson. 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LEAPED FROM THE CAR.

BURGLAR FILKINS MAKES HIS ESCAPE NEAR FRESNO.

A "Oregon Boot" Was No Great Impediment—Still at Large—Was to Have Been Taken to San Quentin by Deputy Sheriff Barnhill.

While the north-bound train was pulling out of Fresno at an early hour yesterday morning, Charles W. Filkins, who was being taken to San Quentin from this city under a five years' sentence for burglary, succeeded in escaping through the car window, and has not yet been apprehended. The prisoner was in charge of Deputy Sheriff J. H. Barnhill, and was weighed down with a sixteen and a half-pound "Oregon boot."

The only information received at the Sheriff's office yesterday concerning the escape was a telegram from Barnhill, in which he stated simply: "Lost man at Fresno. Went through window with boot on." Sheriff Bur left for Fresno on the 11:50 train.

Details of the affair were received last night from Sheriff Scott of Fresno. The train had just pulled out of the depot, and was running slowly to the city limits about a mile north of the station. At a point about half way to the limits, Filkins raised the window, the officer and lifting the foot with the boot over the sill, threw himself out of the car. As soon as the next station was reached, Barnhill notified Sheriff Scott by wire and several deputies were immediately sent out in search of the escaped prisoner. Sheriff Scott states that no particular alarm was felt, as the "boot" would greatly hinder Filkins from getting beyond reach of the officers. But although the deputies searched for the boot with an hour after his escape, no trace of him could be found. Fresh wagon tracks were discovered leading from the point at which Filkins is supposed to have landed when he dropped from the window, but these were soon lost.

One theory is that the fugitives were waiting for Filkins with a vehicle with which to escape to the foothills and that the whole affair is the successful outcome of a cunningly preconceived plan. This belief is greatly strengthened by the fact that Saturday last a woman named Frances Mendoza, Filkins' mistress, purchased a ticket to Fresno. She is believed to have left on the first north-bound train.

During the trial of Fred Bassett for burglary, the Mendoza woman smuggled him a large envelope filled with red pepper. The action was observed by Deputy Sheriff Aguirre and the paper was taken from Bassett. It was first supposed that the pepper was intended for Aguirre's eyes, but on the way to jail, while the prisoner was in the care of the officers, he was afterward satisfactorily learned that Filkins, who was in jail awaiting trial, was the intended recipient.

During the last month of Filkins' confinement in the County Jail, several attempts were made to escape with which to effect his release. On one occasion a cake was left for him at the jail by a messenger boy. Imbedded in the center were found two bottles of muriatic acid and a file. Inside another cake were found several small pieces of wire, each of which the articles were discovered before they reached the prisoner's hands.

A few days ago Filkins made the open boast that he "would never go to the penitentiary." Knowing the desperate character of the犯人, Sheriff Bur took the precaution to warn Barnhill to exercise unusual diligence in the care of his prisoner during the trip to San Quentin.

The crime for which Filkins was sentenced by Judge Smith on Saturday was the last of a series committed in this and other cities in Southern California. At the time he received sentence two other charges of burglary were pending against him, but upon his entering a plea of guilty these were dismissed upon motion of the District Attorney.

Several months ago Filkins escaped from the officers at San Francisco while being taken to San Quentin under a three years' sentence for burglary. The prisoner leaped from the ferry-boat as it was about to clear, and swam under the surface. His whereabouts were unknown until he was arrested in this city in August last.

The jail records describe Filkins as 5 feet, 9 inches in height, blue eyes, brown hair and fair complexion. Seven long scars appear on the inside of the left index finger.

POLICE COURT.

Record-breaking Time Made by Justice Owens.

Thirty-three names were on the Police Court roster yesterday, and Justice Owens disposed of the thirty-three cases in less than one hour, or at the rate of one case every minute and one-quarter hours.

It was as motley a crew of prisoners as ever sat in the dock. Drunks largely predominated, twenty-six of the thirty-three cases being for this offense. Some were young men scarcely out of the teens, others were middle-aged men, whose wives and children probably will be overlooked by Santa Claus this year, on account of the predilection of pater noster for home. There was a big representation of veterans to topers, four of whom wore the uniform of Uncle Sam, their presence in the Police Court being prima facie evidence that pensions have been paid recently.

One old gray-bearded chap who said he used to be in the Goldfinch House, but wasn't having two chores of belching against him. Officer Henderson arrested him Saturday morning. He was released from the City Jail on Sunday, and a few hours later Officer Fay got the man again. He was fined \$2 for the first offense, and \$5 for the second, with the usual alternatives.

The fines ranged all the way from \$3 to \$30, or as many days' imprisonment for intoxication, according to the size of the jar or the frequency of the drink. A few had the money to pay their fines, and so went up the set of stairs to serve out their sentences.

Officer Fay personally appeared against seven of the defendants, he having found that number of intoxicated persons on his beat. The two young fellows got a thirty days' sentence for beggary. He said he had just arrived from Bakersfield, was hungry and had only a nickel. He tried to double his capital in order to procure a square meal by negotiating a loan of some cents. He had asked different peddlers for a loan without result, when Special Officer Samuelson used his authority to place him under arrest. The impudent Bakersfieldian will now board at the city's expense for one month.

Cochran was fined \$3 for violating the ordinance.

W. O. Merrill was acquitted of the charge of fast driving.

W. W. Rump, colored, who was accused of stealing a pair of shoes belonging to another colored man, was found not guilty.

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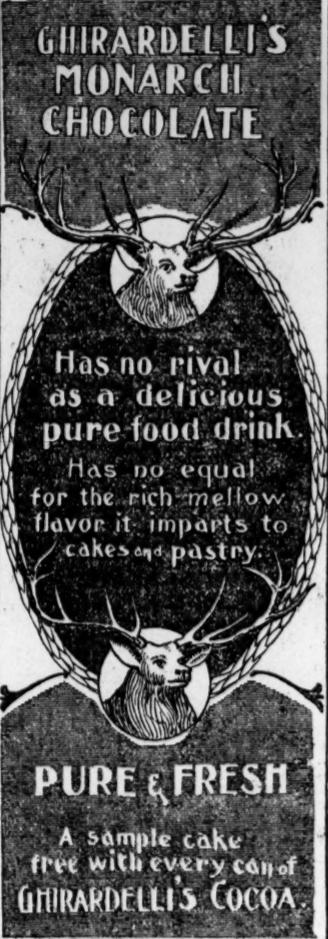
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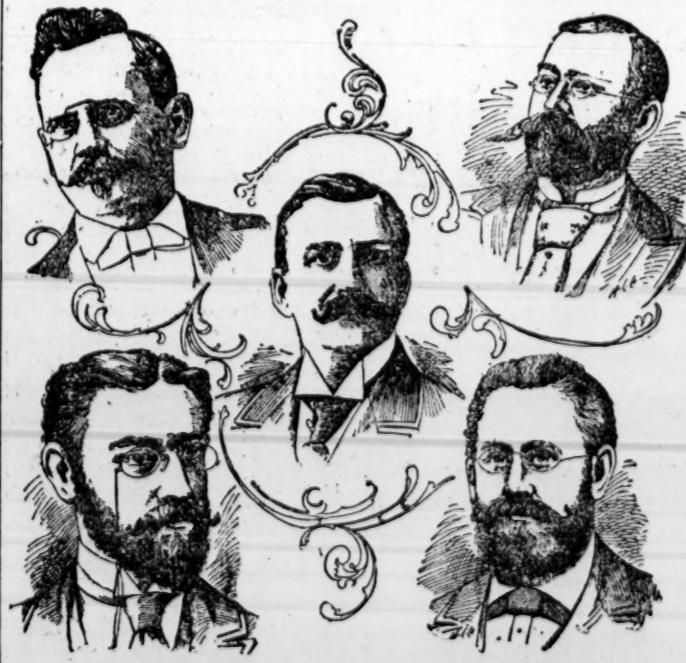
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\$12 50 Men's English Cassimere Sack Suits, brown mixtures, at Retiring prices	\$8.45	Men's Silk Hoses, 25c value	15c
\$13 50 Men's Cheviot Sack Suits, at Retiring prices	\$9.20	Boys' Suits.	Boys' Suits.
\$15 Men's Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, at Retiring prices	\$10.35	\$1.00 Boys' Knee Pants Suits	20c
\$16 Men's Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, at Retiring prices	\$12.15	\$1.25 Boys' Knee Pants Suits, with wagon or lantern	45c
\$20 Men's Black Clay Worsted Suits, at Retiring prices	\$13.40	\$1.50 Boys' Knee Pants Suits, with wagon or lantern	20c
\$20 Men's Oregon City Cassimere Sack Suits, at Retiring prices	\$14.55	\$1.75 Men's Embroidered Nightshirts, \$1.50 value	65c
		\$2.00 Men's Embroidered Nightshirts, \$1.50 value	85c
		\$2.25 Men's Embroidered Satin Embroidered Suspender, 25c value	35c
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		\$3.00 Mixed lots and broken lots of \$4 and \$5 Shoes, Slippers and Oxfords displayed on 75c our table at	75c
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LOT 7—Edwin Clapp's \$7 Enamel Shoes, double soles, pointed and colo	\$3.95	125 pairs Misses' Dongola Kid Shoes, button, regular \$1.50 grade, at..... \$1.05
grades	4.25	Same in Children's sizes, at..... 95c
LOT 6—Bart & Packard's Cordovan Bals., coln toes, double soles, very best and latest style, just from the factory; \$8 grades; at.....	\$4.75	Williams, Hoyt & Co.'s Misses' Oxford and Tan Shoes, \$8 grade, all new goods, just from the factory, \$1.50 grade, at..... \$1.75
LOT 601—French Calf, double sole, razor toe; \$8 grades; at.....	\$3.50	Same in children's sizes, \$2 to \$2.50 grade, at..... \$1.50
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BUSINESS.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

OFFICE OF THE TIMES.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20, 1897.
CLEARING - HOUSE REPORTS. Bradstreet's last week's clearing-house report shows that the present improved situation is well maintained throughout the country. Out of fifty-six principal cities in the United States forty-three show increases in their volume of week's business over that for the corresponding week of last year. Only thirteen show decreases, and they are cities which would not be classed as business centers. Los Angeles is credited with \$2,296,121 for the week, an increase of 12 per cent, over the corresponding week of 1896.

THE TABLES TURNED. The statement is made that some of the large Chicago banks having foreign connections are loaning large sums of money to English bankers. Bankers (Chicago) speakings of this, say the business is done by cable, and the Berlin banks to which the remittances are directed guarantee stipulated interest of 4% per cent on credit funds, which they loan to their local customers. The practice is deemed wrong in loaning out on choice collateral. The borrowed Chicago capital is said to be from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1% per cent. In Chicago loans on similar first-class collateral for short time cannot be placed, except at rates of 6% or more, at most 6 1/2% per cent. The same authority says there have been rumors of Chicago loaning money to London, but they could not be confirmed.

THE CIRCULATION. The circulation per capita in the United States on December 1, 1897, was \$23.53, the amount of money in circulation on that date being \$1,710,845,538, against \$1,646,444,76 a year ago.

COMMERCIAL.

SHORT APPLE CROP. The Orange Judd Farmer, a recognized eastern authority on fruit matters, says it has made a study of this year's commercial apple crop and finds that it is not much more than half of that of last year and generally of poor quality. The commercial crop of 1896 was 70,000 barrels, of 1895, 61,000,000 bushels; of 1894, 50,000,000 bushels, while it is estimated that this year's crop will not exceed 38,000,000 barrels. This shortage of the eastern apple crop will have a favorable effect on the dried-fruit and orange markets.

NEW YORK ORANGE MARKET.

Speaking of the condition of the orange market in New York, Elsdon A. Morris, in a letter to the Fruitman's Guide, says: "The situation on these goods (oranges) is almost incomprehensible."

The market is well supplied with Central American bananas, and the retailer is reaping the benefit of low prices. Competition is keen in the jobbing trade, and importers must be satisfied with small profits.

ORANGES. Per box, navels, 2.25@2.75 f. o. b. San Fran.; oranges, fancy, 1.50@1.75; seedlings, 1.50@2.00; Tan grapes, 1.25@1.50 per lb.; box, 56.75.

CHERRIES-BERRS. Per box, common, 9.50@10.00.

GUAVAS. Per lb., 55.75@60.00.

PERSIMMONS. Per box, 75.00@80.00.

CITRUS AND TROPICAL FRUITS.

Although frost has damaged oranges in some localities, the extent of the damage or its extent is unknown.

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LEMONS. Per box, cured, 1.60@1.85; uncur'd, 1.60@1.25.

GRAPE FRUIT. Per box, 3.50@4.50.

BANANAS. Per bunch, Bluefields, 1.50@2.25.

DRIED FRUITS, NUTS, RAISINS.

Quince, dried, confined to fancy varieties, for home trade.

DRIED FRUITS. Apples, evaporated, fancy, 75@95; apricots, fancy, 69@88; choice, 55@75; peach, fancy peeled, 55@65; peach, fancy evaporated, 85@95; pears, fancy, choice, 95@105; plum, dried, 55@65; raisins, California, white per lb., 56@65; California, black per lb., 56@65; California, fancy, dried, 55@65; imported Smyrna, 55@65.

RAISINS. London dried, 50.00@55.00.

NUTS. Walnuts, paper-shells, 75@85; fancy soft-shells, 65@75; hard-shells, 40@50; almond soft-shell, 50@60; paper-shell, 90@100; hard-shell, 75@85; filberts, 12; Brazil, 75@85; pecans, 90@100; peanuts, eastern, raw, 60@70; roasted, 80@90; lamb's, raw, 80@90; roast'd, 90@100.

FLOUR AND FEEDSTUFFS.

Steaks at last quotations.

FEEDSTUFFS. Brand per ton, 22.00; short, 24.00; choice, 25.00; extra, cracked corn, 1.90 per cwt; feed meat, 1.05.

GRAIN AND HAY.

Grain is firmer at San Francisco, but the local market has not yet responded to the improved tone North and East. Hay is growing firmer day by day, as the dry weather continues.

WHEAT. Per cental, 1.25@1.25 for shipping; millers' quotations, 1.50 for job lots.

BARLEY. Per cental, 72@74@77 for shipping; millers' quotations, 85.

CORN. Per cental, large yellow, 70@75; small yellow, 80@85; white, 70@75; millet; maize; small, yellow, 1.00; large, yellow, 90@100.

OATS. Per cental, 1.10@1.25.

HAY. Per ton, alfa, 7.00@8.00; barley, 8.00@9.00; sat, 9.00@10.00; wheat, 8.00@9.00.

STRAW. Per ton, 4.00.

BEANS. Beans firm, price leading the market at 2.25 per cwt for the best.

BEANS. Per 100 lbs., small white, 1.65@1.85; Lady Washington, 1.60@1.80; pink, 2.00@2.25; Lima, 1.80@2.25.

PROVISIONS.

No change since last report.

LAMB. Per lb. Rex breakfast, 10%; fancy wrapped, 12; plain wrapped, 11%; light medium, 9@10; dark, 8@9.

SALT PORK. Per lb. clear backs, 75@80; short clears, 7; clear backs, 65@70.

DRIED BEEF. Per lb., insides, 14@16; outside, 12@14.

PICKLED BEEF. Per obi, 12.00; rump butts, 12.50.

PICKLED PORK. Per lb., Sunderland, 14@16.

LARD. Per lb., in tapers, Rex, pure leaf, 64; every compound, 5; Rexolene, 54; special kettle-rendered, leaf lard, 64; Orange brand, 50; EVOI, 10@12; pure leaf, 75@80.

FRESH MEATS.

First quality beef is quoted 4c higher.

BEEF. 64@65@66.

VEAL. 74@75.

MUTTON. 66@67@68; lambs, 74.

SAUSAGE. Per lb., hogback, 6; blood, 5; liverwurst, 5; fresh pork sausage, 7; wiener, 7; frankfurter, 7.

LIVER STOCK.

There is no change since last report.

HOGS. 50@55 per lb. for prime porkers.

CATTLE. 51@53@54 for prime steers; 24@25 for prime cows and heifers.

SHRIER. Prime steers, 53@55 per head; ewes, 24@26@28 for prime steers; 24@26@28 for prime cows and heifers.

PIKE. Wethers, 3.25@3.75 per head; ewes, 2.50@3.00; lambs, 2.00@2.50.

BIDES, WOOL AND TALLOW.

Fishes steady; demand quiet.

HONEY. Per lb. comb, in frames, 70@75; straw, 50@55.

BEESWAX. Per lb., 20@22.

POULTRY AND GAME.

The poultry market does not appear to be so bad as to rally from the depression that has long existed. Even turkeys are lifeless, and Christmas only four days away.

POT. 4.00@4.50; young roosters, 3.50@4.00; broilers, 2.50@3.00; ducks, 4.00@4.50; turkeys, 12.00@14.00 per lb.; dressed, 15.00@17.00.

DUCKS. 1.50@1.75; teal, 1.75@2.00; sprig, 2.00@2.50; mallard, 4.00@4.50; canvas backs, 5.00@6.00; teal, 7.00@8.00; plover, 7.00@8.00; sandpiper, 1.00@1.25.

RAILWAY RESPONSIBILITY. The Supreme Court of Indiana has ruled that a railroad is not responsible for the responsibility of railroads at railway crossings that is likely to be productive of much future litigation. The court held, in the case of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company vs. Conoyer (an appeal), that a trailer approaching a rail road crossing, having used a signal and employed his horse, of sight and hearing to ascertain if a train is approaching, and being unable to see either an approaching train, is justified in presuming that he can cross the track in safety, and that if the failure of a horse to hear a train after he has used due care, is to be attributed to the engineer's failure to give statutory signals in approaching a crossing, the company is liable for injuries sustained by the traveler in colliding with such train.

CONSULAR REPORTS. After January 1 next, the miscellaneous reports made by consular and diplomatic officers to the Department of State at Washington, D. C., on foreign countries and industries in foreign countries, will be immediately printed on the regular monthly form, as heretofore. The reports will be sent out in the form of advance sheets. This change was suggested by Secretary Sherman, on the suggestion of F. M. Dyer, Commissioner in charge of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, and will practically result in the daily publication of some one or other of these reports except, of course, on Sundays or legal holidays. The change will not, however, interfere with the publication of the regular

monthly series of consular reports. They will be continued as in the past.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

EGGS, BUTTER AND CHEESE.

The egg market is a little higher than at last report, and, though not a carload of eggs were unloaded yesterday.

Neither a carload of eastern tub butter has also been received, but the market is firm nevertheless. There is talk of raising local creamery to 65 cents again. Coast creamery to 62@65; fancy dairy, per 32-oz. roll, 52@55@56; fancy, 54@55@56; northern creamery, 57@58@59; fancy dairy, per 32-oz. tub, 24@25 per lb.; fancy, 24@25@26 per lb.

Cheese remains very firm.

EGGS. Per doz. fresh, ranch, 21@22; eastern, 22@23.

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City Briefs.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

You're invited! Desmond invites a careful and critical inspection of his holiday offerings. It's a display which, once seen, will convince you that there's nothing else to fail the hosts of fashion and make yourself solid in the matter of correct styles in Christmas hats and men's furnishings of every description. Buy your hats, shirts, canes, umbrellas, bath robes, smoking jackets, socks, handkerchiefs, underware, etc., etc., at Desmond's, No. 141 South Spring street, in the Bryson Block.

If you are contemplating going to Klondike in the spring, get a copy of "Guide to Klondike," a complete and authentic history of the gold field of Alaska, with splendid map. It will be a paying investment. For sale at The Times' counting-room, or by mail, 25 cents.

The San Pedro Harbor specifications in full, with diagrams showing the breakwater as it is to be, have been reprinted a two-page sheet. Of The Times, on fine paper, making a valuable sheet for reference and preservation.

For sale at the counter.

Fire dogs, fire baskets, fire sets, in black and brass, the largest stock ever brought to Los Angeles, just arrived at J.W. Foy's Mantel House, No. 700 North Main street, corner of Macy.

Takes Madonna of East Side Park stores to our door.

Siddi Mahomet-Tasheer of India will speak this evening at No. 330½ Broadway. Subject, "Incarnation." 8 o'clock.

Spec. al—Finest cabinet photos reproduced \$1.00 each. Sunbeam, No. 255 South Main street.

Suspenders mounted to order. Southern California Suspender Co., 318 North Los Angeles street.

Kodaks for Christmas present. Howland & Chadwick, 211 South Main street.

Papper, the furrier, No. 40 East Colorado street, upstairs, Pasadena.

Hear Farland, the noted banjoist, tonight at the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

C.E. Mayne, No. 449 Bradbury Block.

J.C. Burns was arrested by Officer Baker on Alameda street for violating the license ordinance.

J.E. Thompson was arrested on Main street by Officer Lehnhausen yesterday afternoon for disturbing the peace.

The function of the High School failed to perform its function yesterday, and the school was dismissed in the forenoon.

H.W. Chynoweth of Santa Ana has been admitted to practice in both the district and circuit courts on the motion of Judge A.W. Hatton.

An excursion party of sixty-seven persons is due to arrive today via the Santa Fe. The tourists are from New York.

Dan Oswald was found guilty of battery by Justice Morrison yesterday. Oswald is a boy who bullied a smaller one. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

The Christmas festival for the newsboys is being arranged by young men and women, who are interested in the work of the newsboys and not by the managers of the home.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Western Union Telegraph Company's office for the following: J. Harris Williams, Volney D. Williamson, James B. Clark, J.L. Rumsey, C.D. York and Martin Flynn.

As the result of a feud between two families, the Baker living on Paloma avenue, a warrant for the arrest of Willie Baker, aged 19, on the charge of battery, has been issued. Willie is charged with having hit one of the other Baker boys on the head with a stone.

The entire postoffice force is groaning under a deluge of 50,000 sample copies of the San Francisco Call for the most part addressed without either street or number. In order to deliver them it is necessary to look up in the directory thousands upon thousands of John Smith and Jim Jones and Bill Robinsons.

ANNUAL BAZAAR.

Useful and Fancy Articles for Christmas Gifts.

The ladies of St. Paul's Church opened their annual bazaar very successfully yesterday, at No. 313 South Broadway. The goods are handsomely decorated and are sold with a large variety of useful and fancy articles appropriate for Christmas gifts. The liner embroidery booth, which is presided over by Mmes. John Gray, H.J. Woolacott and Burdette Chandler, is one of the prettiest in the hall, with its decorations of green and white and its array of exquisite embroideries. Mrs. W.H. Perry and Mrs. Cladius are in charge of the prominent of puff quilts. Mrs. L.T. Burton assisted by Mrs. E.H. Edwards and Mrs. C.M. Chittenden preside over the doll booth, where the playthings so dear to the heart of the wee woman may be found in all sizes and conditions.

The young ladies of St. Agnes' Guild have charge of two very attractive booths, one filled with embroidered linens and the other with handsome reprints and pictures. The members of the guild in charge are the Misses Alice Gray, Mary Gandy, Allie Tandy, Alice Cole, Ethel Coble, Marguerite Babbs, Daley and Olive Hughes, Vivian Jenkins, Anna Rhodes, Margaret Berkeley, Florence Foy, Christine Works, Olive Tottnin, Blanche Craig and Alice and Louise Bell.

Mrs. E. H. Edwards and Mrs. H.V. Harris preside over a dainty booth stocked with exceedingly pretty aprons. The bags, cushions and crocheted articles are in the charge of Mrs. Dora Davidson, assisted by Mrs. F.W. Wheeler and Mrs. J.C. Allison. The candy booth, with such confections in artistically decorated boxes are on sale, is presided over by Miss Lotta Bower, assisted by Mrs. Charles Bower and the Misses Emma Hine and Amy Knewing.

A hot luncheon is served every day from 12 to 1 P.M. in the department being under the direction of Mrs. Alice T. Anderson, assisted by Mrs. L.J. Strange, De Garmo, Mitchell, Junkin, Parker, Freeman, Fuller, Bosshard, Hawkins and Bowker.

A fine piano has been loaned by E. G. Tracy, and will be furnished by kindly volunteers. Yesterday afternoon a delightful programme was contributed by J. E. Shands, mandolinist, accompanied by Miss Adele Perry at the piano. The bazaar will continue until Wednesday evening, being open both day and evening.

Bazaar and Ball.

The ladies of the I.O.O.F. Orphans' Home Sewing Circle of Arabah Vitre Rebekah Lodge, No. 83, will give an entertainment, bazaar and ball this evening at the Odd Fellows' building. One of the many interesting features will be the voting for the most popular Rebekah and the most popular Odd Fellow in the city. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the Orphans' Home.

LOS ANGELES TRANSFER CO. Will check baggage at your residence to any point. 118 W. First street. Tel. M. 219.

THE celebrated Reynier kid gloves. Villa de Paris, 221-223 S. Broadway.

WATCHES cleaned, etc. Mansurians, 550, Myrtle, No. 214 South Broadway.

FINE Zinfandel, 50c gal. Tel. 309. T. Vache Co. Commercial and Alameda streets.

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OPENING ... TODAY

Everybody invited. We have groceries to sell, you have groceries to buy. Let us meet at the corner of Broadway and Third and exchange our groceries for your cash at cash prices. We quote the following prices for this day only:

2 Cents
Pound

Fresh Baked Oats, 10 lbs to one customer.

4c POUND—Good clear Rice.

90c FOR one hundred pound sack best Salinas, Burtt Potatoes.

10c FOR one Table Fruit.

5c POUND—Soft Shell Walnuts

12c POUND—Caramel Cereal Health Coffee.

10 Cents
Pound.

Good Guatemala Coffee, roasted fresh TODAY.

3c FOR 12-ounce package Baking Powder.

6c POUND—Cream of Maize.

8c POUND—Wheat with each package of wheat we give one package of Pepin Chewing Gum.

Candy! Candy!

By the Pound or by the Ton.

7c POUND—for Fancy Mixed Candy.

9c POUND—for Pure Hard Broken Mixed; this candy is pure and wholesome.

15c POUND—for a pound of Soft Mixed Candy.

25 Cents
Pound.

For the best assortment of fancy Creams and Chocolates in the city. All fresh and tasty. Note the following varieties: Handmade Butter, Margarine, Lemon, Almond, Vanilla, Burdoax, Pi-tachio and Coconuts, Chocolate, Pineapple Cream, Violet Cream, Orange Cream, Peanut Cream, Angel Food, Almond Nut Bar and a very large variety of every new thing in Candy all for just 25c per pound.

Bakery Dept.

3 Cents

For full Pound Loaves of Vienna Bread.

8c Dozen Goo! Doughnuts

8c Fine PIES, all varieties.

Also a full line of fine Bakery goods.

Fruit! Fruit!

12c Dozen Fine BANANAS

10c Dozen for Navel Oranges.

20c Dozen Fancy Navel Oranges.

3c Pound for Good Apples.

8c Each for Cocanuts

Coffee! Coffee!

We can sell Coffee, fresh roasted, all the way from 10c per pound up, as fine as can be had.

THE UNIQUE
KID GLOVE HOUSE,
247 South Spring Street.

Buy Gloves of a Glove House.

Beautiful
Glove
Boxes
Free

To each purchaser of three pairs of Gloves not a cheap, ordinary looking box, but just as dainty as it can be. Never have we been as well ready with Christmas Gloves as we are today—from whom ever the best kid gloves are made there has our stock been gathered. You're sure of getting the latest and correct things in gloves if you buy here.

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KID GLOVE HOUSE,
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AVERY-STAB SHOE CO.
Byrne Building, Broadway near Third.
"Always satisfactory to the wearer."

An absolutely guaranteed pure Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. Enough merit in itself.

But Dr. FOX'S Health Baking Powder has another merit. It is a Pepsin Baking Powder.

OVER 300 SALES-
PEOPLE ARE AT
SANTA CLAUS'
COMMAND.

Christmas Sale of Pattern Suits.

THE grandest offering of our whole Holiday season. Bright new dress materials, the most sensible of gifts, at special cut prices. Elegant styles and finest qualities made are among them. The cheapest even are all-wool and exceptionally pretty. They will sell rapidly. Better get a "first choice."

7-yard Dress Patterns, all-wool for	\$1.75
7-yard Dress Patterns, in fancy bourettes	\$3.50
7-yard Dress Patterns, in all-wool checks	\$2.45
7-yard Dress Patterns, in two-ton crepons	\$5.25
\$10.00 Silk and Wool Pattern Suits, at	\$6.95
\$12.50 Silk and Wool Pattern Suits, at	\$6.95
\$15.00 Silk and Wool Pattern Suits, at	\$6.95
\$20.00 Imported Silk and Wool Pattern Suits, for	\$12.35
\$40.00 Imported Silk and Wool Pattern Suits	\$24.85
\$50.00 Imported Silk and Wool Pattern Suits	\$27.35
50 Suits of Black Lizard Brocades, in handsome designs, 7 yards in each pattern, worth \$5.00,	\$4.13

GIFTS FOR MEN.

Handkerchiefs.

12c Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs	8c
Japanette Handkerchiefs, exactly	12c
Persian Initial Handkerchiefs, co-ored center and border, hemstitched	16c
White Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and initials	10c
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	16c
All silk Initial Handkerchiefs	25c
Fine Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	25c
Linen Silk Handkerchiefs in Dresden and Persian borders	50c
Pure Linen Handkerchiefs	50c

Xmas Gloves.

Excellent Dogskin Gloves, cable sewed, fine brown and olivebloods	50c
Men's Dogskin Gloves in the most popular new shades, cable sewed, good \$2.25	\$1.00
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Smoking Jacket.

We have a most elegant line of all the newest and most popular materials from the best maker this country knows. Here are two specials:

Gray and Cheviot Smoking Jackets

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